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REPORTS OF STANDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

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COMMITTEE NO. 1

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Richard S. Parker, chairperson; Barbara B. Wilcox, vice-chairperson; *Paul M. Minus*, secretary. Committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 111-113.

Report No. 1

Petitions: CS1699
Subject: Water, Air, Soil, Minerals, Plants
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 102; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 19, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 495.
The committee recommends that ¶ 70A be revised as follows:

We support and encourage social policies *designed to rejuvenate polluted water, air, and soil, as well as those that would prevent further desecration of these natural elements* **that serve to reduce and control the creation of industrial by-products and waste; facilitate the safe processing and disposal of toxic and nuclear waste; provide for appropriate disposal of municipal waste; and enhance the rejuvenation of polluted air, water, and soil.** We support measures which will halt the spread of deserts into formerly productive lands. We support regulations designed to protect plant life, including those that provide for reforestation and for conservation of grasslands. We support policies that retard the indiscriminate use of chemicals, including *pesticides*, **those used for growing, processing and preserving food**, and encourage adequate research into their effects upon God's creation prior to utilization. We urge development of international agreements concerning equitable utilization of the ocean's resources for human benefit so long as the integrity of the seas is maintained. Moreover, we support policies on the part of government and industries that conserve fossil and other fuels, and that eliminate methods of securing minerals that destroy plants, animals, and soil. We encourage creation of new sources for food and power, while maintaining the goodness of the earth.

Report No. 2

Petitions: CS1700, CS1002, CS1742
Subject: Water, Air, Soil, Minerals, Plants
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 102; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 20, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 495.
The committee votes nonconcurrence because material has been covered in Report No. 1.

Report No. 3

Petitions: CS1825
Subject: Support Amnesty International
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 100; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 21, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 495.
The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Amnesty International has documented and verified political imprisonments, tortures, and killings over the last few years, involving government-linked forces by governments of widely differing ideologies in more than 20 countries on four continents;

AND WHEREAS, Amnesty International has mounted a campaign to publicize such crimes against humanity which involve thousands of victims, and in this way to bring pressure upon the governments involved;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church add its endorsement and support to Amnesty International, along with that already given by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, and the American Baptist Churches, USA.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this support be sent to Amnesty International, USA, to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and to the media.

Report No. 4

Petitions: CS1397, CS1172
Subject: Human Sexuality
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 101; For 62; Against 37; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 61, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 275-281.
The committee recommends that ¶ 71F be amended as follows:

In the final sentence of first paragraph, delete *should*, add **We encourage the** at beginning of sentence and **to** replacing *should*.

The sentence will read: We encourage the medical, theological, and humanistic disciplines to combine in a determined effort to understand human sexuality more completely.

Report No. 4 (Minority)

Petitions: CS1397, CS1172

Subject: Human Sexuality

Date: May 3, 1984

Calendar No. 62, Defeated May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 276-281.

We recommend that the final paragraph in ¶ 71F be revised to read as follows:

Further we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured regardless of sexual orientation. *Homosexual persons no less than heterosexual* **All** persons are *individuals* of sacred worth, who need the ministry and guidance of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship which enables reconciling relations with God, with others, and with self. *Further we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured, though we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.* **We commit ourselves to be in ministry with all persons regardless of sexual orientation, seeking only to support and enable the search for healing grace for all through a relationship with God.**

Emmett W. Cocke, Paul Talcott, Jr., William W. Dew, Donald L. Carver, James M. Dolliver, James M. Reed, Ellen A. Brubaker, Van Bogart Dunn, Ellen C. Liotta, Alexander Joyner, Barbara Lavery, John D. Wolf, Marie W. Copher, Ann Ross Stewart, Richard Truitt, Susan P. Davies, Evelyn Burns, Avenell Harms, Bonifacio B. Mequi, Pat Callbeck-Harper, Betty S. Gordon, Mary Grace Lyman, Lee Ball, Paul M. Minus.

Report No. 5

Petitions: CS1001

Subject: Rights of Homosexual Persons

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 111; Present 102; For 61; Against 36; Not Voting 5.

Calendar No. 63, Defeated May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 296-297.

The committee recommends concurrence with new ¶ 72H:

Rights of Homosexual Persons.—To avoid loss of employment, damage to family relationships and physical danger, many homosexual persons have felt it necessary to hide their identity, at great cost to the fulfillment of their human potential. Their invisibility as a minority has meant that social institutions and agencies, including the church, most often cannot understand or respond adequately to these persons and their families.

We hold that persons should not be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation, and we call for the creation and effective enforcement of legal sanctions against such discrimination. We further urge that religious and social service agencies make efforts to develop programs of ministry sensitive to and respectful of the needs of these persons and their families.

Report No. 5 (Minority)

Petitions: CS1001

Subject: Rights of Homosexual Persons

Date: May 3, 1984

Calendar No. 64, Defeated May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 296-297.

We recommend that new ¶ 72H retain the first paragraph as printed in the committee report and substitute the following paragraph for the second paragraph:

While the church must always be free to set standards regarding sexual practice and employment of persons by the church which are consistent with biblical witness and its own tradition, we hold that persons should not be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation in human and civil rights arenas. We, therefore, call for the creation and effective enforcement of legal sanctions against such discrimination. We further urge that religious and social service agencies make efforts to develop programs of ministry sensitive to and respectful of the needs of these persons and their families.

W. Hamp Watson, Jr., Robert Sanders, Wm. Roughton, William P. Bailey, Richard Looney, J. D. Dixon, James H. Gaddis, John L. Ewing, Scott Smith, June Goldman, Thomas B. Stockton, James A. Summers, Frank D. Bean, Sr., Prentiss M. Gordon, Godfrey L. Tate, Annie Mae Turner, Roland T. Scales, Edwinna P. Johnson.

Report No. 6

Petitions: CS1003, CS1005, CS1014, CS1147, CS1148, CS1150-CS1171, CS1173-CS1183, CS1190-CS1194, CS1196, CS1197, CS1199, CS1200, CS1202, CS1207-CS1211, CS1213-CS1226, CS1228-CS1235, CS1237, CS1240, CSDS1240, CS1241, CS1243, CS1246, CS1249, CS1251, CS1260, CS1266, CS1270, CS1272-CS1274, CS1277, CS1287, CS1288, CS1295, CS1296, CS1308, CS1312, CS1314, CS1317, CS1318, CS1320, CS1323, CS1339-CS1382, CS1384-CS1396, CS1398-CS1435, CS1437-CS1451, CS1453, CS1469, CS1670, CS1672, CS1682, CS1690, CS1749, CS1760, CS1803, CS1834

Subject: Human Sexuality
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 101; For 62; Against 37; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 65, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Page 297.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence because the material has been covered in Report No. 4.

Report No. 7

Petitions: CS1201
Subject: Ordination of Homosexual Persons
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 102; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 66, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Page 298.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence for the reason that this subject is not properly dealt with in the Statement of Social Principles, that there are other petitions which deal with the subject in the right place in the *Discipline*, and that these other petitions will be considered by this body at the appropriate time.

Report No. 8

Petitions: CS1801
Subject: Review United Methodist Employment Policies and Practices
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 98; For 79; Against 16; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 67, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends concurrence.

WHEREAS, from time to time differences have arisen over the personnel and employment policies of certain of the general boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Social Principles provide general policy guidelines for the personnel and employment policies of denominational employers; and

WHEREAS, official agencies of The United Methodist Church have spoken critically of the employment practices of secular agricultural and industrial employers and even supported economic boycotts on occasion; and

WHEREAS, any failure of denominational employers to conform to the Social Principles and to maintain as high standards of policy and practice as expected of secular agencies can properly be regarded as hypocrisy;

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the General Conference direct the general boards and agencies and also annual conference, district,

local and institutional employers to review their employment policies and practices carefully to ensure their conformity to the Social Principles; 2) that the General Council on Finance and Administration be requested to examine carefully the personnel and employment policies and practices of United Methodist general boards and agencies whenever major disputes arise and in any case not less than once each quadrennium to ascertain the degree of their conformity to the Social Principles; 3) that reports of such examinations with any appropriate recommendations be supplied to the elected officers and executive staff of such boards and agencies for their consideration, action, and report back; and 4) that a quadrennial report on the findings of such examinations and the response of the boards and agencies to any recommendations be presented to each subsequent General Conference.

Report No. 9

Petitions: CS1489

Subject: The Economic Community

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 111; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 68, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with the following petition:

The suggestion that banks and large corporations should provide for workers and the general public participation in decision making, and the suggestion of dividing all profit and benefits among owners, management, laborers, and the community is no more than socialism. Our capitalistic society would be totally destroyed. We oppose this view.

The statement that the Communist, as well as capitalist government, exploits people and resources, is putting our Christian society on an equal with the heathen society of Communism. We object to this.

Report No. 10

Petitions: CS1502

Subject: Reaffirm Opposition to Capital Punishment

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 111; Present 98; For 92; Against 2; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 69, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 495.

The committee recommends concurrence in the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a rising tide in the United States of America to reactivate capital punishment in all states; and

WHEREAS, in the last year there have been several executions of human beings by the penal system as punishment for crimes committed; and

WHEREAS, we are convinced that the rising crime rate is largely an outgrowth of unstable social conditions which stem from an increasingly urbanized and mobile population; from long periods of economic recessions; from a history of unequal opportunities for a large segment of the citizenry and from inadequate diagnosis of criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, we believe the state cannot teach respect for human life by destroying human life; and

WHEREAS, the Holy Scriptures teach us that human life is both sacred and divine and that we bear the image of the incorruptible God; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ taught us love, forgiveness and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, all Christians are under divine mandate to safeguard life and work for the salvation of all humankind;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church reaffirm strongly its position against capital punishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Board of Church and Society prepare and disseminate materials and work with each annual conference in developing a plan of action to impact capital punishment legislation in their state; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the 1984 General Conference issue a national press statement which clearly states the church's opposition to capital punishment and its commitment to work for its abolition.

Report No. 11

Petitions: CS1501, CS1540, CS1651, CS1752

Subject: Capital Punishment

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 111; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 70, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence because the material is covered in Report No. 10.

Report No. 12

Petitions: CS1457

Subject: Rights of the Aging

Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 111; Present 97; For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 91, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends concurrence with revised ¶ 72E:

¶ 72E) Rights of the Aging.—In a society that places primary emphasis upon youth, those growing old in years are frequently isolated from the mainstream of social existence. We support social policies that integrate the aging into the life of the total community, including sufficient incomes, increased and nondiscriminatory employment opportunities, **educational and service opportunities,** and adequate medical care and housing within existing communities. We urge social policies and programs **with emphasis on the unique concerns of older women and ethnic minority persons,** that ensure to the aging the respect and dignity that is their right as senior members of the human community. **Further we urge increased consideration for adequate pension systems by employers with provisions for the surviving spouse.**

Report No. 13

Petitions: CS1085
Subject: Abortion
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 111; Present 99; For 94; Against 1; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 121, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 294-295.
The committee recommends the following revisions of ¶ 71G of the *Book of Discipline:*

G. Abortion.—The beginning of life and the ending of life are the God-given boundaries of human existence. While individuals have always had some degree of control over when they would die, they now have the awesome power to determine when and, even whether, new individuals will be born. Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion. But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of life and well-being of the mother for whom devastating damage may result from an unacceptable pregnancy. In continuity with past Christian teaching, we recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, **and in such cases support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures.** We call all Christians to a searching and prayerful inquiry into the sorts of conditions that may warrant abortion. *We support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures. Nevertheless,* Governmental laws and regulations do not *necessarily* provide all the guidance required by the informed

Christian conscience. Therefore, a decision concerning abortion should be made only after thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the parties involved, with medical, pastoral, and appropriate counsel.

Report No. 14

Petitions: CS1006-1013, CS1015-1084, CS1086-1096, CS1098-1146, CS1195, CS1620-1621, CS1774, CS1804-1806, CS1808, CS1870, CS AD1007

Subject: Abortion

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 111; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 180, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 495.*

We recommend nonconcurrence because the material has been covered in Report No. 13.

Report No. 15

Petitions: CS1494

Subject: Military Service

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 111; Present 98; For 67; Against 28; Not Voting 3. *Calendar No. 217, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 298-299.*

The committee recommends adoption of proposed new ¶ 74G as follows:

Military Service.—Though coercion, violence, and war are presently the ultimate sanctions in international relations, we reject them as incompatible with the gospel and spirit of Christ. We therefore urge the establishment of the rule of law in international affairs as a means of elimination of war, violence, and coercion in those affairs.

We *therefore* reject national policies of enforced military service *in peacetime* as incompatible with the gospel. We acknowledge the agonizing tension created by the demand for military service by national governments. **We urge all young adults to seek the counsel of the Church as they reach a conscientious decision concerning the nature of their responsibility as citizens. Pastors are called upon to be available for counseling with all young adults who face conscription, including those who conscientiously refuse to cooperate with a system of conscription.**

Thus, We support **and extend the ministry of the church to** those **persons** *individuals* who conscientiously oppose all war or any particular war, and who, therefore, refuse to serve in the armed forces or to cooperate with systems of military conscrip-

tion. We also support **and extend the Church's ministry to** those **persons** *individuals* who conscientiously choose to serve in the armed forces or to accept alternative service. *Pastors are called upon to be available for counseling with all youth who face conscription including those who conscientiously refuse to cooperate with a selective service system.*

Report No. 16

Petitions: CS1206, CS1510-CS1538, CS1562, CS1713
Subject: Military Service
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 111; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 218, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material has been covered in Report No. 15.

Report No. 17

Petitions: CS1871
Subject: Episcopal and Laity Addresses
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 92; For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 446, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends that the General Conference express appreciation for the Episcopal and Laity Addresses and refer them for appropriate action to the four program boards.

Report No. 18

Petitions: CS1598
Subject: Health and Wholeness
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 98; For 93; Against 1; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 447, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends adoption of the statement.

Health and Wholeness

Introduction. All human beings have been created in the image of God and are called to the abundant life. In the Biblical story of the woman with the hemorrhage, Jesus provides an example of his healing ministry that includes the spiritual as well as the physical status of the person.

"And behold, a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind and touched the fringe of his garment; for she said to herself, if I only touch his garment, I shall be made well. Jesus turned and seeing her, he said, 'Take heart, daughter, your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well" (Matt. 9:20-22).

The United Methodist Church, as an entity, believes that its mission is to continue the redemptive ministry of Christ, including teaching, preaching and healing. Christ's healing was not peripheral but central in his ministry. The church, therefore, understands itself as called by the Lord to the wholistic ministry of healing: spiritual, mental and emotional, and physical.

Health in this sense is something beyond, but not exclusive of, biological well-being. In this view, health care is inadequate when it fixes its attention solely on the body and its physiological functions, as is any religion that focuses its interest entirely on the spirit. Taking the gospel mandates seriously, United Methodists are called to work toward a healthy society of whole persons. Part of our task is to enable people to care for themselves and to take responsibility for their own health. Another part of our task is to ensure that people who are ill, whether from illness of spirit, mind, or body, are not turned aside or ignored, but given care that allows them to live a full life. We see this task as demanding concern for spiritual, political, ethical, economic, social, and medical decisions that maintain the highest concern for the condition of society, the environment, and the total life of each person.

Human suffering is caused by a variety of factors, the environmental, social and personal factors mentioned, as well as others which remain unknown to us.

Environmental Factors. Clean air, pure water, effective sanitary systems for the disposal of wastes, nutritious foods, adequate housing and hazard-free work places are essential to health. The best medical system cannot preserve or maintain health when the environment is disease-producing.

Social Factors. Inadequate education, poverty, unemployment, lack of access to food, stress-producing conditions, and social pressures reinforced by marketing and advertising strategies that encourage the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs are detrimental to good health.

Personal Habits. Overeating or eating non-nutritious foods, substance abuse (including alcohol, tobacco, barbituates, sedatives, etc.) are clearly destructive of health. Failure to exercise or to rest and relax adequately are also injurious to health.

Although medical care represents a very important part of health care, it does not include the whole. More medical care does not always equal better health.

Medical care in much of the world has evolved too much as disease care rather than health care. Disease prevention, public health programs, and health education appropriate to every age level and social setting are needed globally. Services should be provided in a compassionate and skillful manner on the basis of need; without discrimination as to economic status, mental or physical handicap, race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or language.

A Just Health System. Within a just society every person has a right to:

1) Basic health services that are accessible and affordable in each geographic and cultural setting.
2) An environment that promotes health.
3) Active involvement in the formulation of health care activities that meet local needs and priorities.
4) Information about his or her illness and to be an active participant in treatment and rehabilitation.
5) Receive compassionate and skilled care.
6) A health care system sensitive to cultural needs.
7) Access to funding sources where necessary for basic health services.

Health Insurance. For all persons to have adequate access to needed health care services, public financing must be a significant part of an overall health insurance plan. Public funding is necessary to pay for insuring those who cannot pay part or all of the necessary premiums required.

Health Maintenance. Many health problems and illnesses are preventable if we accept the fact that health maintenance requires understanding of the unity of the human body, mind and spirit. The whole person needs proper nutrition, exercise, the challenge to learn and grow, and an acknowledgement that this is a life-long process. We recognize that these needs are difficult to meet when environmental factors contribute to ill health. But we must acknowledge the fact that we have separated spiritual health from physical health. In Western Protestant interpretation of health and healing, the union of the body and spirit are often dismissed. Cultures that respect and revere that union are often disregarded or looked upon in a condescending manner. The early church did not make these distinctions, nor did Jesus in his healing ministry. We must, if we are to obtain good health, unite the body and spirit in our thinking and actions.

Therefore as Christians we accept responsibility for modeling this wholistic, preventive style of health maintenance. We commit ourselves to examining the value systems at work in our society as they impact the health of our people and to working for programs and policies that enable people to breathe clean air, drink clean water, eat wholesome food, and have access to adequate education and freedom that enable mind and spirit to develop.

Medical Services. We support the following principles of access to health services:

1. In a just society all people are entitled to basic maintenance and health care services. We reject as contrary to our understanding of the gospel the notion of differing standards of health care for various segments of the population.
2. Health care should be comprehensive, including preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative services.
3. Religious and other appropriate forms of counseling should be available to all patients and families when they are called upon to make difficult medical choices, so that responsible decisions, within the context of the Christian faith, may be made concerning organ transplants, use of extreme measures to prolong life, abortion, sterilization, genetic counseling, institutionalization, and death with dignity.
4. We encourage development of community support systems that permit alternatives to institutional care for such groups as the aging, the terminally ill and mentally ill, and other persons with special needs.
5. Professional health care personnel should be recruited and appropriately educated to meet the health care needs of all persons. Especially urgent is the need for physicians trained in geriatric medicine. Special priorities should be established to secure among the professional group at least proportional representation of women and minorities who are now seriously underrepresented.
6. In areas where medical services are not available, or are in undersupply, we urge private or public funding to provide the full range of needed services. To meet these goals, we recommend the reallocation of funds from armaments to human services, both nationally and internationally (Social Principles, ¶ 75C).
7. Regional planning processes should coordinate the services rendered by all health care institutions, including those funded by governments, to create a more effective system of health services in every area. Priorities should be established for the provision of

health services, such as preventive care, mental health services, home care, and health education.

8. Corrective measures should be taken where there is maldistribution or unavailability of hospital beds, care, neighborhood health centers, community mental health centers, and of emergency care networks.

9. We encourage medical education for laypersons that will enable them to evaluate effectively medical care they need and are receiving.

10. We support the medical community in its effort to uphold ethical standards and to promote quality assurance.

Health and Wholeness Ministry. As United Methodists we are called to a ministry of health and wholeness. Therefore, we challenge our membership to:

1. Make health concerns a priority in the church with special emphases that include but are not limited to women's health concerns, appropriate, unbiased, informed diagnosis and treatment of older adults, preventive care (including health education), special health concerns and needs of children and youth, and establishment of networks for information sharing and action suggestions.

2. Support the provision of direct health services where needed and to provide, as we are able, such services in hospitals and homes, clinics, and health centers.

3. Accept responsibility for educating and motivating members to follow a healthy lifestyle reflecting our affirmation of life as God's gift.

4. Become actively involved at all levels in the development of support systems for health care in the community including: dependent care (respite and 24-hour care, in-home and short-term out-of-home care), meals, programs for women in crisis, halfway houses, support systems for independent living, and family support systems.

5. Become advocates for: a healthful environment, accessible, affordable health care, continued public support for health care of persons unable to provide for themselves, continued support for health-related research and provision of church facilities to enable health-related ministries.

6. Become involved in a search for Christian understanding of health, healing and wholeness and the dimensions of spiritual healing in our congregations and seminaries.

7. Encourage colleges, universities, hospitals and seminaries related to The United Methodist Church connectional units to

gain an added awareness of health issues and the need for recruitment and education of persons for health-related ministries who would approach such ministries out of a Christian understanding and commitment.

8. Support public policies and programs that will ensure comprehensive health care services of high quality to all persons on the principle of equal access.

In the United States, we affirm the findings of The President's Committee on Medical Ethics of 1983. While noting the importance of cost containment, the committee wrote: "Measures designed to contain health care costs that exacerbate existing inadequacies or impede the achievement of equity are unacceptable from a moral standpoint."

A positive response to these challenges within the Christian context will help assure to all persons an abundant mental, emotional, and spiritual life.

Report No. 19

Petitions: CS1599, CS1675
Subject: Health and Wholeness
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 98; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 448, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 18.

Report No. 20

Petitions: CS1611
Subject: The Christian Family
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 98; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 449, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends adoption.

The Christian Family—Becoming Transformed and Transforming

(This resolution is intended to replace the resolution on "Family Life," 1980 *Book of Resolutions* of The United Methodist Church, pages 100-109.)

A Call to the Churches Concerning Families

Summary Statement

Because We Understand That God . . . calls the church to proclaim the gospel to all the world, to teach the gospel to all who will hear, and to nurture persons in their growth as faithful followers of Christ,

And Because All Persons . . . respond to God and relate to each other out of their own past and present family experiences, use family images as parables of God and the world, and make decisions that either affirm or destroy persons in their many other relationships,

We Therefore Call Our Churches To . . .

1. Become more aware of the pervasive powers of families as creators of persons, proclaimers of faith perspectives, and shapers of both present and future society.
2. Study families and marriages, their resources, possibilities, and needs.
3. View families as fundamental human communities that socialize their members for citizenship in society and can nurture and support their members from conception to death.
4. Support marriage as a major voluntary family commitment that creates families and shapes the quality of family life.
5. Understand families as Christian communities of faith, hope, and love, like the larger church, that witness and minister to each other and to the world.
6. Act in their churches and communities to strengthen families as centers of creative power, redemptive love, and sustaining nurture through ministries the church can provide.
7. Influence governments and their agencies to enact and enforce laws and provisions that enable families to do their nurturing and socializing tasks well.
8. Urge educational institutions, businesses, and all other groups in society to enable families to do their nurturing and socializing tasks well.

And We Call Our Church Boards and Agencies . . . To create study and action resources that enable congregations to implement this call in every way possible.

As a church our central task is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to participate in the Holy Spirit's transforming work in persons, families, communities, nations, and the world. Because of our commitment to Christ, we seek a world of healthy, happy, productive persons who, through God's loving grace, live in peace, justice, and love with each other. God creates us for

relationships through which we give and receive mutual care and love (among many examples are Gen. 1:27; 2:18; Matt. 18:20).

Sin distorts and breaks our relationships with God and other persons. Some family experiences lead individuals to develop harmful patterns such as alcohol and other substance abuse, crime, prejudices, intolerance, spouse and child abuse, selfishness, indifference, manipulation, and many other characteristics that express our sin before God. Some are tempted to withdraw within their families and ignore the needs of others. Jesus has a harsh word for this temptation: "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me . . ." (Matt. 10:37-39). Some are tempted to ignore or hurt their families in their pursuit of career or other goals, and the fifth commandment reminds us of our family relationships (Deut. 5:16; Mark 7:9-13).

At its best, the transforming Christian family is an agent of change and improvement in its community and world, bringing the values of life in Christ to bear upon all relationships of life, in anticipation of the kingdom.

We do not take our fundamental criteria for family life from culture, social sciences, or mass media. To do so would be to conform to societal standards that often conflict with the gospel. "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

Marriages and families inevitably shape individuals and communities. Whether recognized or not, God is at work in every family to redeem, sustain, and nurture it toward healing and wholeness. We point toward the power of Christ to redeem families as households of faith and renewal centers of transforming love.

Family relationships such as child, sibling, spouse, and parent, help us to understand and experience God's Spirit at work in us and through our families to others in the world. We lift up Christian marriage, parenthood, and other family relationships as parables of the relationship between God and persons. We affirm marriages in which both spouses are co-equal partners with God (I Cor. 7) and which express many facets of God in relation to women and men (among many examples: Proverbs 31; Hosea 1-3; Eph. 5:21f.).

We press on toward an understanding of Christian personhood and perfection in love based upon life in Christ which can enable families to be in creative dialogue with culture, not conformed to it (Romans 12). At its best, the transforming Christian family is an agent of change and improvement in the community and world.

We believe in the power of Christ to redeem, sustain, and empower families as centers of transforming love, and we call on every congregation to proclaim this power in word and work. We seek Christian families who identify themselves as God's own people (1 Peter 2:9-10), a community of the faithful living "in but not of the world" (John 17:6-19), as units of the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:12-27).

Every Family is Unique and Special

The United Methodist Church recognizes the myriad forms of "family" in our time, affirms all those that serve as centers of guidance, nurture, and love—and calls every congregation to ministries with various families at their diverse points of need.

All families are important. Family refers to those persons who are related by blood or marriage and live in the same household, and also to family members who live elsewhere, such as at school, in the armed forces, or in an institution. Family includes our families of origin and ancestry, to whom we relate as children and grandchildren. Family also refers to the homes we create through marriage, and, if children come, to our own children and grandchildren. Family can also mean the larger groups of marriages and families who are linked together by bonds of blood, law, adoption, and choice.

Family focuses on a specific group of persons in a specific residential household, yet also transcends both time and space in drawing its members to each other through common commitments and concerns. We recognize that family structures are quite varied and different, yet we emphasize that family experiences are the basic foundation for love, justice, and peace in all our other human relationships.

Toward Christian Families

It is not the prerogative of The United Methodist Church to lay down some concrete ideal of what the Christian family "ought" to be. Christ has freed us from such legalism. But it is the mission of the church to support its families in discovering and enacting a style of being in the world that is both transformed and transforming—and to this mission every congregation is called.

We can describe characteristics of "the Christian family" that produce love and the many other fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Some of the goals of the Christian family are:

1. Family members increasingly identify themselves as Christians through baptism and active commitment to Christ.
2. As a center for faith development, family members are

growing in love and traveling their own life journeys in response to God's calls and leadings.

3. Family members are actively involved in the supportive fellowship of a local congregation as part of the universal church.

4. For married couples, Christian marriage increasingly forms the central bonds in the family, as wife and husband voluntarily covenant together as co-equal spouses before God and with the support of the Christian community.

5. Since the Christian family is a body of whom Christ is the head, each family member brings needed gifts to the body, and members respect each other as unique persons under God.

6. The Christian family is a priesthood of believers. They act as incarnations of Christ to one another, each doing for the others what Christ does for him or her, in order to generate and confirm in one another an abiding faith in Jesus Christ, and to provide a sanctuary for family members as a haven to help heal the stresses and storms of life.

7. Through family worship, Bible study, prayers at meals and other times, stories of personal faith, conversations, and other means of grace, "by precept and example," members use a variety of family rituals to celebrate their faith.

8.The family's ministry is directed to all persons, including "the least of these"—the weak, the ill, the very young, the very old, the disabled, the rejected—and this is expressed through their relationships with diverse people and their political and community activities.

9. The Christian family practices a responsible lifestyle committed to a just and sustainable future for all peoples. They act out this commitment in their stewardship of all their money and other resources, and their tithing and proportionate giving.

10. As a community being transformed by God's grace, the Christian family serves and acts in society through careers, recreation, and lifestyle to transform the world.

11. Christian family members give redemptive, forgiving love to restore persons to wholeness with each other as expressions of God's grace, but inevitably all family members sin and fall short of their possibilities when relationships are broken, commitments forgotten, and guilt weighs heavily.

Good News for Today's Families!

The United Methodist Church rejoices in God's gifts of love and freedom by which persons around the world are finding new joy and fulfillment in family life—and urges every congregation to share this good news with the families of its community.

While there is much bad news about family life, we do not despair for the family. We proclaim that in our time there is more good news than bad. There are more signs of promise than ever before. The liberating power of the gospel, working in families both in the church and in the secular world, continues to open bright new frontiers for family life.

Merely proclaiming this good news does not make it so for families. Millions have not even heard this liberating message, and millions more have heard it but are still trapped by old expectations, habits, and other limitations. Indeed, there are forces in society intent on preserving the old stereotypes of power and privilege for some families and some family members.

Affirmations

The Spirit of God works in every human lifestyle and circumstance to bring healing and renewal (some examples: Job; Romans 8:28-39). No lifestyle should be idolized, and all lifestyles must be evaluated by Christ's standards of love, justice, and mercy. We affirm the right and responsibility of every individual to choose lifestyles that are consistent with the highest Christian ideals of spiritual character, excellence of mind, purity of body, and responsible social behavior.

We affirm the United Methodist Social Principles that directly and indirectly support individuals, marriages, and families as channels for nurturing persons by God's creating Spirit.

In addition to those Social Principles, we therefore affirm:

1. Both singleness and marriage as valid lifestyles for Christians (I Cor. 7).

2. Human sexuality as a good gift of God for responsible procreation (Gen. 1:27-28) and for joyous re-creation and communion (Song of Solomon; Prov. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 7:9) ("Male and female he created them. . . . . And behold, it was very good" [Gen. 1:27; 31]).

3. Our liberation from limiting roles for males and females ("There is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ" [Gal. 3:28b]. Characteristics and tasks we once called masculine or feminine are now seen as simply human.)

4. Shared responsibilities in a family in which all are equal before God.

5. Every life stage, from birth and infancy to old age and death, as equally part of God's plan for our growth into the fullness of his creation in us (No age or stage is less important, nor more important, than another age or stage in our life journey to Christ).

6. The distinctive lifestyles of ethnic minority families, and respect the validity of every family tradition and heritage that expresses God's ways of peace, justice, freedom and love.

7. Marriage and parent preparation, education, counseling, therapy, and other means for helping families to learn new ways to live with each other in mutual love and support.

8. Persons in a disintegrating family involving divorce must be helped to learn ways to restructure their lives in more constructive ways, keeping before us Jesus' words against divorce (e.g., Matt. 5:31-32; Mark 10:2-12) and acknowledging that it falls short of God's intention for marriage.

Marriage and Family Ministries in Our Third Century

As people of faith we know that the realm of God is "already," but still "not yet." The day of righteousness, wholeness, peace, and justice is now "in the midst of us" (Luke 17:21b), and yet we work and pray that it may "come on earth" (Matt. 6:10) in its fullness. Families are a major channel of this gracious activity of God. Family ministries are equally as important as and require the same levels of local church and denominational resources as our efforts in discipleship, educational institutions, world and home missions, and social concerns.

Marriage and family ministries include our ministries to individuals and family households, programs that enable family units to minister to others, and efforts that seek to shape the larger social orders, such as business and government, that establish the living conditions and possibilities for families.

God challenges us to strengthen and expand our current ministries, to develop many needed additional marriage and family ministries, and to enable families to be ministers to the world. To this end we must create much stronger family ministries structures at the national, conference, and local church levels to enable these ministries to be done.

We therefore call local congregations and the various administrative structures of The United Methodist Church to four major types of family ministries:

1. Ministries Within Families and Between Family Members. These ministries are the caring, nurturing, and supportive acts that family members provide to each other, so essential to maintaining healthy families. Among these many ministries of love (Romans 12, I Cor. 13) are:

celebrations such as meal time prayers, family worship, birthdays, holy days, holidays, and other affirmations of faith in God and support of each other;

support for meaningful family traditions and ethnic cultures that link family members to their heritage as a foundation for living and relating to other traditions in the community, nation, and world;

support for authentic marriage commitment of fidelity between spouses, marriage preparation and enrichment, parent education, understanding sexuality, family finance, work and leisure, communication of trust and forgiveness, and the many other attitudes and behaviors that form the structures and lifestyles of families;

continuing Christian nurture, discipline, and faith development appropriate to each family member's life stage, experience, and journey.

2. Ministries to Families in Need. All families need help from others at times of normal transition of growth and change. Among these ministries are:

worship, church school, and home visitor services;

preparation for transitions such as births, baptism, leaving home, career and job changes, moving, and marriage;

care in endings when members of the family leave through death, divorce, or other departures;

intergenerational activities in which persons of all ages can relate to other members of the larger church family.

All families also face times of crisis and unwanted changes. We must maintain and increase our ministries to families in times of difficulty. Among these ministries are:

marriage and family counseling and therapy, divorce counseling, and related educational programs;

therapies and other rehabilitative care for alcohol and other substance-addicted persons and families, physical or sexually abusive spouses and parents;

counseling and guidance to persons involved in unmarried cohabitation, problem pregnancies, or criminal offenses;

support to families with chronic health conditions, catastrophic illnesses, or unemployment.

3. Ministries from Families to Others. Through these ministries families celebrate and share the benefits they have received—time, abilities, funds, the natural world—care for them wisely, and decide how they will use them in accord with God's will in ministry to others. Among these ministries are:

emergency shelters, foster parenting, hospice care, and other ministries to persons in need;

tithing and proportionate giving through church and community channels to aid others in need;

paid and volunteer work as expressions of God's calling and vocation in society, and family support of their members who serve in these ways;

participation in neighborhood, community, school, and other programs that assist individuals and families;

friendships and informal contacts with others through whom family members can witness to the gospel;

family lifestyles that respect God's creation, conserve natural resources, and express stewardship of God's world.

4. Ministries on Behalf of Families. Families are directly affected by war, peace, education, governmental policies, economic factors, and other conditions in the larger societies of nation and world. We need to expand our efforts and develop additional ministries to policymakers and other leaders whose decisions shape the structures that often set the limits and provide the possibilities for families. Among these ministries are:

efforts toward the empowerment of the weak, protecting and being a voice for persons and groups who are poor, powerless, battered, abandoned, disabled, dispossessed, or imprisoned;

active involvement in political processes and efforts to improve living conditions for families, provide marriage and family education, and be alert to the many effects of government and business actions on families;

undergird ethnic minority families in their effort to find a place in a diverse society, and, where needed, their struggle against unjust social and economic pressures;

continuing support of programs that enable all persons to have adequate food, clothing, housing, medical care, and other basic necessities that empower them for their own self-determination.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we can do marriage and family ministries. We need the firm conviction that these ministries are fundamental and essential ministries of our congregations and of The United Methodist Church at conference and national levels. With this conviction, let us apply our genius for disciplined organization, planning, and implementation to serving the families of our churches and communities.

The United Methodist Church is committed to ongoing ministries within families, ministries to families, ministries through families, and ministries on behalf of families—both within and outside the church, as central to the mission of the

church at local, regional, and national levels. We call on every congregation and every leader to take up this ministry prayerfully, thoughtfully, enthusiastically, and effectively.

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Statement on Aging for the United States of America

I. Preamble. The elderly in the United States of America occupy a new frontier in a rapidly changing industrial society. A frontier has two aspects: its hazards, uncharted ways, unknowns, anxieties, promises, hopes, visions, and fulfillments. A frontier becomes a promised land when guides chart the way, pioneers settle and builders develop the land. But this new frontier is yet to be charted for the aged. Existing institutions have not been able to adapt fast enough nor have new institutions been created to meet the new conditions. Some research, however, has recently begun to topple some myths and stereotypes about the aging process and older persons.

This statement is for study, discussion, and implementation and action by The United Methodist Church in the U.S.A. It contains brief sections on the current situation of the older population, on a theological response and on calls to the society and to the church. There has, however, been no attempt to set priorities for ministries in this new frontier described within this statement; it is hoped that appropriate church agencies and units will set their own priorities.

II. The Situation. During the past 100 years, life expectancy in the United States has increased roughly 26 years, a fact to be celebrated. The numbers of persons 65 years of age and older have grown from 3 million in 1900 (4.0 percent of the total population) to 25 million in 1980 (11.2 percent of the total population). This number is expected to increase from 32 million in the year 2000 (12.2 percent) to 55 million in 2030 (18.3 percent). The older population includes a disproportionate number of women (100 women to 69 men) and persons with a wide range of capacities, from active and employed to fragile, frail, and chronically disabled. The fastest growing age group in the population is 85 years of age and over, and the second most rapidly growing is the 75 to 81 age group.

The trend in recent years has been for older persons to live alone rather than with family members or in a formal care setting (only 4 percent). Social Security provides some benefits to about 95 percent of the older adult population. However, about 15 percent or 3.3 million persons 65 and older had incomes below a subsistence poverty level in 1980. The median annual income for older men in 1981 was $8,173, for women, $4,757. Since half of all older women have incomes below or within $4,000 of the official poverty level ($4,359), it is not surprising that 72 percent of the elderly poor are women and 30 percent of the total elderly minority population are considered marginally poor.

Clearly, the elderly are not a homogenous group. This data points out that not all subgroups fit into the normative situation of the larger population of the elderly. In addition, middle class persons with much higher incomes often find themselves reduced to poverty by the cost of health treatment and long-term care. The increased probability of widowhood and divorce also may produce economic instability for older women. For example, in the case of pensions, only 13 percent of older women receive pensions as a result of their participation in the labor force, and fewer than 10 percent receive benefits from their husband's pensions.

The current health system is more adequate for persons who are younger and have excellent insurance plans. Even though aging itself is not a disease, older people have more illness for a longer period of time than yonger people do. Adequate health insurance coverage for millions of uninsured women has been identified as the most pressing health issue faced by older women today. Older women under 65 who are neither married nor in the work force often find health insurance so expensive that it is unaffordable or impossible to buy because of the exclusions for "existing conditions." This problem is made worse because they

have no claim on employer-based group policies in which their husbands participated if divorce or death occurs, as well as having fewer job options with good insurance plans if they choose to work outside the home.

Medicare is a health insurance program primarily for persons over the age of 65. Medicaid provides a supplement to medicare as well as coverage for younger persons in poverty. Out-of-pocket costs not covered by medicare or medicaid amount to 19 percent of the annual income of those over 65.

In 1982, 80 percent of older men were married while 50 percent of the older women were widowed. There are almost six times as many widows as widowers. Women are likely to live 10 or more years as widows, and half of them will live alone. A number of factors signal problems. For instance, because of traditional sex role socialization, older men are psychologically ill-prepared for living alone, and older women are often inadequately prepared for assertiveness in financial and other management decisions when they find themselves alone. Since most people have been socialized to live in families, they are not prepared to live alone in old age. We need to develop adequate responses to single persons in a society that is oriented toward family living.

Although most older persons live in urban places, they also comprise a large proportion of rural populations where facilities and resources for them are extremely limited. This condition is complicated further by a disproportionately low allocation of federal funds to meet the needs of the rural elderly.

Race and ethnicity are important determinants of the residental patterns of elderly people. While about one-third of all older persons live in central cities, one-half of all Blacks and Hispanics over 65 are heavily concentrated in urban areas. The popular shifts in housing patterns brought about by urban renewal and gentrification (higher income persons buying property in formerly poor neighborhoods) and the resultant increase in homeowner taxes have a major impact on the elderly, especially minorities. Houses that have been paid for are lost because of the tax increases, or low rents rise astronomically.

We need to dispel the common misunderstanding that aging is senility and that older persons are unable or not motivated to learn, grow, and achieve. Opportunities for continuing education and growth have long been unmet by a system geared to the needs of the young. This demand for continuing education will become acute as better educated, younger generations grow older. We need to counteract the impact of racism and sexism on later life because of underemployment, no employment, inequitable access to education, and language or nationality barriers.

Some problems that beset older persons are the result of the social and physical process of aging. These include change in work, family and community roles; the reduction of energy; and the increase in chronic illness and impairments. These conditions can lead to increased dependence on others for life's necessities. Other problems faced by the elderly are the results of social and political institutions that sometimes victimize the elderly through various techniques of both subtle and overt discrimination. Being old today is not easy, either in the church or society. If the situation of older persons is to be improved, the church must act.

III. The Theological Response. Aging is a process involving the whole life span from birth to death. A theological understanding of aging, therefore, must be concerned with the whole life process, rather than with only its final stages. The meaning of life, rather than death, is the central point from which to theologize about aging. In our pluralistic church, there is a certain legitimacy for several traditional, biblical and theological understandings of the meaning of life in its progression from birth to death. The position presented here is one attempt to express this meaning.

A. All of creation is God's work (Genesis 1). Human beings are only a small part of the totality of life forms. The aging process is universal in all life forms. Birth, aging, and death are all part of divine providence, and are to be regarded and taught as positive values. This does not, in any way, mean that such things as birth defects, disease or deaths at an early stage in life are the will of God.

B. As Christians, the mystery of God's involvement in the person of Jesus Christ provides us with a unique source of divine help (grace) in our passage through life's successive stages. This is especially significant in the later stages, when spiritual maturation and well-being can be experienced even in times of physical decline. The power of the cross is a special revelation of how suffering can be reconciling and redemptive. Faith in the resurrection provides us with an assurance of the abiding presence of the Risen Lord (Matthew 28:20) and the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-19; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; Romans 8:9-11), and the permanence of our relationship with God beyond the mystery of death. In this spiritual presence we also find the source of the potential of all persons for self-transcendence. God's act in Christ was for life abundant (John 10:10) in all stages of life. Christ also gives us our traditional Wesleyan vision of the goal of ultimate perfection (Matthew 5:48). The grace of God in Christ is therefore important throughout life, including its last stages.

C. In response to this saving grace, we believe in the inevitable need to walk in the ways of obedience that God has enabled (Eph. 2:8-10). These ways are defined by love for God and neighbor (Mark 12:28-31; Romans 13:8-9). It is therefore the privilege of Christians to serve all persons in love, including older persons with their special needs. Furthermore, since God's grace is not conditioned by any human standards of worthiness or usefulness (2 Cor. 5:19), we should regard all persons as valuable to God (Matthew 6:25-30). In the larger pattern of human needs and rights, those of elderly persons must be consciously and intentionally included.

D. Older persons are not simply to be served, but are also to serve; they are of special importance in the total mission of the church. Since the Christian vocation has no retirement age, the special contributions of elderly persons need conscious recognition and employment. The experience of all older persons, and the wisdom of many, are special resources for the whole church.

E. The Church as the Body of Christ in the world today (1 Cor. 12:27) is God's method for realizing the reconciliation accomplished by Christ (Col. 1:16-20). As such, it intentionally sponsors institutional forms that help reconcile persons of all ages to each other and to God. This especially includes those institutions designed to meet the needs of elderly persons and to keep them fully incorporated into the Body of Christ. The church also is charged with an aiding concern for justice for all. It should work tirelessly for the freedom of all persons to meet their own fullest potential and to liberate those who are captive to discrimination, neglect, exploitation, abuse or poverty.

IV. The Call

A. *To Society At All Levels.* United Methodist people are called upon to engage in sustained advocacy for the elimination of age discrimination in personal attitudes and institutional structures. We should pursue this advocacy vigorously and in cooperation with appropriate private and public groups, including all levels of government. We recognize that there needs to be creativity in developing the proper cooperative mix of private and public programs to serve the elderly, but all our efforts should be based on the following assumptions:

1. Religious institutions can make a unique and significant contribution to the context of care provided for persons. Secular society involves ethical issues and value decisions; therefore, a religious presence in neighborhoods and institutions is important to the quality of total community life.

2. Government should play a critical role in assuring that all benefits are available to all elderly persons to improve their

quality of life. Christians should support governmental policies that promote sharing with those who are less fortunate. This does not absolve either the institutional church or individual Christians from responsibility for persons in need.

3. A standard of basic and necessary survival support systems should be accepted and established in our society and made available to all persons. These should include at minimum: health care, transportation, housing, and income maintenance. Church people need to identify and promote those facilities and services that assure opportunities for prolonged well-being. These services should be provided at a cost within the financial means of the elderly with appropriate public subsidy when necessary. They include the following:

a. Health resources systems special to the needs of the elderly which are comprehensive, accessible and feasible within available resources (these must include long-term care, hospice care, home health care and health maintenance organizations).

b. Health education systems that emphasize proper nutrition, proper drug use, preventive health care, and immunization as well as information about the availability of health resources within the community.

c. Training for medical and social service personnel concerning the special cultural, physical, psycho-social, and spiritual aspects and needs of the elderly.

d. Adequate housing that is both affordable and secure, with protections that massive tax and rental increases will not create displacement, and transportation systems that meet the special needs of the elderly.

e. Basic governmental income maintenance system adequate to sustain an adequate standard of living affording personal dignity. (This system should be supplemented when necessary by private pension programs. Both public and private pension systems must be financed in a manner that will assure their ability to meet all future obligations, as well as guarantee equitable consideration of the needs of women and minorities.)

f. When basic pension systems benefit levels are not adequate to meet economic needs at least equal to the defined poverty level, supplementation by benefits from public funds.

g. Continuing educational and counseling opportunities for the elderly in pre-retirement planning, in work-related training, in interpersonal retirement relationships, and in personal enrichment.

h. Formal and informal community associations such as public and private centers that foster social, recreational, artistic,

intellectual, and spiritual activities to help persons overcome loneliness and social isolation.

i. Continuing employment opportunities for those who desire them in flexible, appropriate work settings related to varying life styles.

j. Opportunities for volunteer work and paid employment that best utilize the skills and experiences of the elderly.

Finally, our society is called upon to respond to a basic human right of the elderly: the right to die with dignity and to have personal wishes respected concerning the number and type of life-sustaining measures that should be used to prolong life. Living wills, requests that no heroic measures be used, and other such efforts to die with dignity should be supported.

B. *To The Church At All Levels.*—1. Each local church is called upon:

a. To become aware of the needs and interests of older people in the congregation and in the community and to express Christian love through person-to-person understanding and caring.

b. To affirm the cultural and historical contributions and gifts of ethnic minority elderly.

c. To acknowledge that ministry to older persons is needed in both small and large churches.

d. To assure a barrier-free environment in which the elderly can function in spite of impairments.

e. To motivate, equip, and train lay volunteers with a dedication for this important ministry.

f. To develop an intentional ministry with older adults which:

i) assures each person health service, mobility, personal security, and other personal services.

ii) offers opportunities for life enrichment including intellectual stimulation, social involvement, spiritual cultivation, and artistic pursuits.

iii) encourages life reconstruction when necessary, including motivation and guidance in making new friends, serving new roles in the community and enriching marriage.

iv) affirms life transcendence including celebration of the meaning and purpose of life through worship, Bible study, personal reflection, and small group life.

g. To recognize that older persons represent a creative resource bank available to the church, and involve them in service to the community as persons of insight and wisdom. (This could include not only ministry to one another, but also to the larger mission of the church for redemption of the world, including reaching the unchurched.)

h. To foster intergenerational experiences in the congregation and community including educating all age groups about how to grow old with dignity and satisfaction.

i. To assure that the frail are not separated from the life of the congregation, but retain access to the sacraments and are given assistance as needed by the caring community.

j. To provide guidance for adults coping with aging parents.

k. To cooperate with other churches and community agencies for more comprehensive and effective ministries with older persons including radio and T.V. ministries.

l. To accept responsibility for an advocacy role in behalf of the elderly.

m. To develop an older adult ministry responsible to the Council on Ministries involving an adult coordinator or older adult coordinator, volunteer or employed. (An older adult council may be organized to facilitate the ministry with older adults.)

2. Each annual conference is called upon:

a. To provide leadership and support through its Council on Ministries for an intentional ministry to older persons in its local churches with special attention to the needs of women and minorities.

b. To develop a program of job counseling and retirement planning for clergy and lay employees.

c. To share creative models of ministry and a data bank of resources with the local churches and other agencies.

d. To define the relationship between the annual conference and United Methodist-related residential and non-residential facilities for the elderly, so that the relationships can be clearly understood and mutually supportive.

e. To relate to secular retirement communities within its boundaries.

f. To recruit persons for professional and volunteer leadership in working with the elderly.

g. To serve as both a partner and critic to local church and public programs with the elderly, promoting ecumenical linkages where possible.

h. To support financially, if needed, retired clergy and lay church workers and their spouses who reside in United Methodist long-term care settings.

i. To promote Golden Cross Sunday and other special offerings for ministries by, for, and with the elderly.

j. To recognize that other persons within the conference, both lay and clergy, represent a significant and experienced resource that should be utilized in both the organization and mission of the conference.

3. General boards and agencies are called upon:

a. To examine the pension policies of the general church and their impact related to the needs of those who are single (retired, divorced, or surviving dependents of pensioners).

b. To create specific guidance materials for ministry by, for, and with the elderly.

c. To prepare intergenerational and age-specific materials for church school and for other special studies in the local church.

d. To promote advocacy in behalf of all the elderly, but especially those who do not have access to needed services because of isolation, low income, or handicap. (This might include advocacy for health care, income maintenance and other social legislation.)

e. To assist institutions for the elderly to maintain quality care and to develop resource centers for ministry with and by the elderly.

f. To create a variety of nonresidential ministries for the elderly, such as Shepherd's Centers.

g. To coordinate general church training in ministry with the elderly.

h. To provide for formal coordination on aging issues.

i. To advocate the special concerns and needs of older women and minorities.

j. To utilize older persons as a creative resource bank in the design and implementation of these objectives.

4. Retirement and long-term care facilities related to the church are called upon:

a. To develop a covenant relationship with the church to reinforce a sense of joint mission in services with the elderly.

b. To encourage the provision of charitable support and provide a channel for the assistance of the whole church.

c. To encourage both residential and nonresidental institutional settings that emphasize the spiritual, personal, physical, and social needs of the elderly.

5. Seminaries and colleges are called upon:

a. To provide seminarians instruction on aging and experiences with older persons in the curriculum.

b. To prepare persons for careers in the field of aging.

c. To develop special professorships to teach gerontology, and to provide continuing education for those who work with the elderly.

d. To stimulate research on the problems of aging, special concerns of minorities, the status of the elderly, and ministries with the elderly, the majority of whom are women.

e. To enable the elderly to enroll in courses and degree programs and generally to participate in the life of educational institutions.

6. Finally, all levels of the church are called upon:

a. To include ministries for, with, and by the elderly as an essential component of the church and its mission.

b. To promote flexible retirement and eliminate mandatory retirement based solely on age.

c. To develop theological statements on death and dying that recognize the basic human right to die with dignity.

d. To develop ethical guidelines for dealing with difficult medical decisions that involve the use of limited resources for health and life maintenance.

e. To authorize appropriate research, including a demographic study of members of The United Methodist Church, to provide greatly needed information on the socioreligious aspects of aging.

f. To establish a properly funded pension system with an adequate minimum standard for all clergy and church-employed laypersons and their spouses, including the divorced spouse.

V. Summary. Life in the later years has caused older persons to ask two questions: How can my life be maintained? What gives meaning and purpose to my life in these years? Both questions have religious implications.

Concern for older persons in the church is theologically grounded in the doctrine of creation, in the meaning of God's work in Christ, in the response to grace that leads us into service, in the continuing value of older persons in the larger mission, and in the nature of the church as an agent of redemption and defender of justice for all.

Older adults in the U.S.A. deserve respect, dignity, and equal opportunity. The United Methodist Church is called to be an advocate for the elderly, for their sense of personal identity and dignity, for utilization of experience, wisdom and skills, for health maintenance, adequate income, educational opportunities, and vocational and avocational experiences in cooperation with the public and private sectors of society.

The graying of America implies also the graying of The United Methodist Church. The church, however, is called to be concerned, not only for its own, but also for all older people in our society.

As the aging process is part of God's plan of creation, with the good news of Christ's redemption giving hope and purpose to life, United Methodist people are called upon to help translate this message through words and deeds in the church and in society.

Report No. 23

Petitions: CS-LC1045
Subject: Aging
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 98; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 452, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 22.

Report No. 24

Petitions: CS1612
Subject: The Church in a Mass Media Culture
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 453, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends adoption of the statement, to replace the statement on pp. 62-66 of the 1980 *Book of Resolutions.*

The Church in a Mass Media Culture

The world is moving from an agricultural and industrial dominance into the information and communication age. In the United States, more persons are employed in information-related industries than in all other types of work combined. Public governments and private industries control the technology and flow of information, wielding great power over the lives of billions of people.

All people are affected by the information revolution. Persons in developing countries may receive most of their news from "first world" news services, while their crop development and natural resources may be surveyed by foreign satellite. Some "third world" nations are leap-frogging past the wired nation into the satellite era.

In first world countries such as the United States, persons are spending more and more time in communication activities: viewing more television programming as cable and direct signals from satellites increase, using the home computer and playing video games.

This new development in world history is driven by quantum leaps in basic information management technology and can be described as a revolution because of its pervasive effects at several levels:

—the centralization of control and ownership of information in first world countries

—the socializing acculturating effects of world media bringing the same messages and information to diverse audiences

—the increasing amounts of time persons are interacting with media rather than with other persons and the passive nature of much media viewing

—the incentive for a mass audience leads to dominant content of the entertainment and information media categorized by escapism, consumerism, violence and exclusion of minorities, and

—the increasing involvement of the work force and capital investment in information technology-related endeavors in the developed and developing world.

As United Methodists, we have "emphasized God's endowment of each person with dignity and moral responsibility" (¶ 69, page 76, 1980 *Book of Discipline*). We recognize that "faith and good works belong together" (¶ 69, p. 77). We have a long history of concern for social justice, so it is within both a biblical and historical context that we as United Methodists speak to the communication and information revolution.

The goals of The United Methodist Church, based on our understanding of the gospel, are clear:

—persons everywhere must be free in their efforts to live meaningful lives;

—channels of communication must operate in open, authentic and humanizing ways; and

—Christians should be involved seriously and continuously in the communication systems of their societies.

In the implementation of these goals, we must be aware of the power of the mass media. All media are educational. The mass media—especially radio, television, cable TV, motion pictures, newspapers, books and magazines—are pervasive and influential forces in our culture. The new media of video games, direct broadcast satellite, video recordings for home use and computers are increasing. Whether they deal with information, opinion, entertainment, escape, explicit behavioral models or subtle suggestion, the mass media always are involved, directly or indirectly, in values. Furthermore, all media messages speak from some theological assumptions. Therefore, we as Christians must ask such major questions as:

—Who controls the media in a country? Who determines the structures of and the public's access to the mass media? Will deregulation of radio, television and cable in the United States result in greater diversity, freedom and justice, or less? Who controls international technologies of communication?

—Who determines message content and within what guidelines of responsibility?

—Who uses the media and for what purposes?

—What rights do users have in determining media structure and content? What is the users responsibility in bringing critical appraisal and judgment to the messages received?

—What is the appropriate response to the growing demands of developing countries that there be new and more just world information systems which meet their needs?

As Christians, we affirm the principle of freedom of expression as both an individual and corporate right. We oppose any laws or structures which attempt to abridge freedom of expression, and we state our concern about the numerous incidents of repression of freedom of expression occurring in the United States and around the world. We believe:

—Freedom of expression—whether by spoken or printed word, or any visual or artistic medium—should be exercised within a framework of social responsibility. The church is opposed to censorship.

—The principle of freedom of the press must be maintained and must receive full support from the church and its constituents, even when the cost is high.

—The electronic spectrum is a limited natural resource. The airwaves should be held in trust for the public by radio and television broadcasters and regulated in behalf of the public by government. While the broadcaster has great discretion for the program content this does not abridge the public's "right to know," to be fairly represented and to have access to the media.

—Public broadcasting as it continues to develop should be supported by both public and private sectors of the society to help further the diversity of programming and information sources.

—All persons of every nation should have equal access to channels of communication so they can participate fully in the life of the world. We encourage United Methodist members and agencies to participate in the study and continuing dialogue across national boundaries concerning the development of fair and just communication and information systems within nations and between nations.

—No medium can be truly neutral. Each brings its own values, limitations, criteria, authoritarian or democratic structures and selection processes with it.

—Appropriate agencies of The United Methodist Church should keep abreast of new communication technologies and structures, helping the church to stay informed so it may respond to developments which affect the human condition.

While we acknowledge the practicality of the necessity of media professionals to determine the societal and moral content of mass media, we must continue to oppose the practices of those persons and systems which use media for purposes of exploitation. Exploitation comes in many forms:

—Emphasizing violence

—Showing pornography

—Appealing to self-indulgence

—Presenting consumerism as a way of life

—Offering easy solutions to complex problems

—Favoring the mass audience to the exclusion of individual and minority needs

—Withholding significant information

—Treating news as entertainment

—Presenting events in isolation from the larger social context

—Stereotyping characters in terms of sex roles, ethnic or racial background, occupation, age, religion and economic status

—Failing to deal with significant political and social issues objectively and in depth

—Exhibiting an overriding concern for maximizing profit

—Discriminating in employment practices

—Presenting misleading or dangerous product information or omitting essential information

—Failing to adequately educate and inform the public about the nature and processes of these media themselves.

We call upon the mass media industries and their leaders to recognize their power and to use this power responsibly in enabling persons to achieve thir fullest potential as members of the family of God. We urge Christians and church members involved in the media industries to utilize their faith in their decision-making and in their work place, to find others with moral and ethical commitment, and to discuss ways of enabling their industries to exercise their power for the good of humankind.

We urge the church to devise ways of responding to the mass media, including the following:

—Participating in research on the effects of media and information technologies

—Developing criteria and resources by which church members can evaluate and interpret what is being communicated to them through the mass media

—Recognizing that all information and entertainment programs can be used for learning, thereby making use of mass media programming in the church's ministry

—Recognizing that communication professions offer opportunities for ministry and service

—Working with the mass media at local and national levels, linking the life of the church with the life of the community

—Participating in the development of the regulatory requirements of media.

We urge our churches to communicate, minister, and serve their communities through the public media. This will require them to:

—Discover the needs of persons in the community and determine how the church can minister to those needs through the media

—Work with other churches in an ecumenical spirit of service and ministry

—Commit time, budget, and talent to ministry through the media

—Recognize the variety of purposes the church can fulfill in communicating through mass media, such as education, witness, evangelism, information, social service, and ministry

—Be advocates for those shut out of the media: the poor, less powerful, and those on the margins of society.

In our own communication structures and processes within the church, we need to establish models of communication which are freeing, which respect the dignity of the recipient, and which are participating and non-manipulative. We need to democratize our own media to allow access and open dialogue. As a major institution within our society, we can demonstrate to other institutions the power of a connectional church which structures its communication patterns not by concentrating media power but by emphasizing the values of the gospel which recognize the sanctity of every individual.

Report No. 25

Petitions: CC-CM1176, CS1711, CS1787, CS1781, CS1782, CS1835, CS1660, CS1658, CS-CM1049, CS-CM1213, CS-CM1162-3, CS-CM1177, CS1659, CS1683, CS1704

Subject: Television Programming

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 111; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 454, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 24.

Report No. 26

Petitions: CS1458

Subject: The Church and Persons With Handicapping Conditions

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 455, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends acceptance of the statement:

The Church and Persons With Mentally, Physically, and/or Psychologically Handicapping Conditions

We call United Methodists to a new birth of awareness of the need to accept, include, receive the gifts of and respond to the concerns of those persons with mental, physical, and/or psychologically handicapping conditions, including their families.

Because the experience of handicapping conditions is included in all racial, social, sexual, and age groupings, and this experience is common to every family and at some time in every life,

And because a large part of the ministry of our Lord focused on persons with mental, physical and/or psychologically handicapping conditions,

And because the Body of Christ is not complete without people of all areas of life,

And because we cannot afford to deny ourselves fellowship with these persons and must intentionally develop more healthy attitudes and behavioral responses to persons with handicapping conditions,

And because there exist inadequacies in the church and in society with regard to concerns for the rights of persons with handicapping conditions, utilization of talents, and their full participation within the life of the church and society,

And because more suffering and exclusion from the fellowship of the church of persons with mental, physical, and/or psychologically handicapping conditions,

And believing that the church is most faithful to the teachings and example of Jesus when it expresses love in concrete ways in a mutual ministry with those who are outcasts, neglected, avoided, or persecuted by society,

And believing in the legacy of John Wesley, Phillip Otterbein and Jacob Albright who held that vital piety flows into compassionate ministry,

And knowing that prevailing societal norms unduly glorify the conditions of youthful beauty, mental alertness, and material affluence to the exclusion and avoidance of those whose handicapping conditions put them outside these norms;

Therefore, we pledge ourselves to:

Accessibility. Renew and increase our commitments as a church to the development of a barrier-free society, especially in the many facilities of the church. To indicate the seriousness of our intent we must set time limits to assure the greatest physical accessibility in the shortest feasible periods and extend our polity of not providing funding through or approval by United Methodist agencies unless minimum guidelines are met which include but are not limited to:

1. Providing adequate access to sanctuary pews, altars, classrooms, and restrooms;
2. Providing curb cuts, ramps with at least a 1:12 inclination or platform lifts;
3. Providing facilities with equipment and supplies to meet the needs of persons with seen and unseen handicapping conditions including persons with vision and/or hearing impairments.

All meetings of The United Methodist Church, beyond the local church, be accessible to persons with handicapping conditions. As general church agencies, jurisdictions, annual conferences, and districts nominate persons with handicapping conditions to their boards and committees, it is necessary for these boards and committees to accommodate these persons.

All United Methodist churches are asked to conduct an audit of their facilities to discover what barriers impede the full participation of persons with handicapping conditions. Steps should then be taken to remove those barriers. **The accessibility audit for churches** is a recommended resource available from the General Board of Global Ministries.

Awareness. 1. Sensitize and train local church pastors to the needs and opportunities for those who are handicapped and their families to better minister to and with them.

2. Lead the local churches in attitudinal change studies to the end that the people called United Methodists are sensitized to the gifts, needs, and interests of persons with handicapping conditions, including their families.

3. Take advantage of the great opportunities for our church to work cooperatively with other denominations who also are addressing these issues and extend an active invitation to work jointly where possible.

4. Suggest one Sunday a year as Access Sunday to sensitize people to our accessibility concerns.

Adequate Resources. Provide resources through the church at all levels, including curricula, for persons with various handicapping conditions, such as those who are blind, deaf, para- or quadriplegic, mentally retarded, psychologically or neurologically disabled, etc., so that each individual has full opportunity for growth and self-realization with the community of faith and the society at large.

Strongly recommend that all curriculum material be so designed that it can be adapted to meet the needs of persons with handicapping conditions; that curriculum material portray persons with handicapping conditions in leadership roles within church and society; that curriculum material reflect the guidelines for the elimination of handicappist language as produced by the General Council on Ministries.

Affirmative Action. 1. Include in all our efforts of affirmative action the concerns and interests of persons with handicapping conditions, particularly in the active recruitment and encouragement of these persons for leadership roles, both clergy and lay, within the church and its agencies, in hiring practices, in job security, housing and transportation.

That the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry monitor Annual Conference Boards of Ordained Ministry so that persons with handicapping conditions are given equal treatment in the steps to ordained ministry.

2. Strongly urge that our schools of higher education and theological training provide specialized courses for faculty and students in the awareness of and appreciation of gifts, needs, and interests of persons with handicapping conditions. This must include the emphasis of accessibility and equal employment in these institutions as well as in those in the larger society. Accreditation by the University Senate should be withdrawn where handicapped persons are excluded, either from attendance, services, or employment.

3. Strongly urge local churches to conduct needs assessment surveys. Such a survey would suggest to a local church what particular actions must be taken to fully include persons with handicapping conditions within the life of the church.

Advocacy Within the Church. Implement within each annual conference methods of recruiting, sensitizing, and training persons as advocates to work with and on behalf of persons with handicapping conditions on a one-to-one basis and to enable them to achieve their human and civil rights as well as to assume their rightful place in the life of the church and community. Each

annual conference should also develop the larger concerns of advocacy for persons with handicapping conditions to enable them to achieve appropriate housing, employment, transportation, education, and leisure time development.

Advocacy Within the Society. While there is much to be done within the church to make real the gospel of inclusiveness with regard to persons with handicapping conditions, yet there is a world society which also must be made aware of the concerns and needs of these persons. We admonish the church and its people to stand alongside persons with handicapping conditions and to speak out on their rights in society. These rights include access to jobs, public transportation, adequate housing, and education. We are people under orders to minister to and with all God's children. We are all a people in pilgrimage! We have too often overlooked those of God's children who experience life in different ways than ourselves. We pledge ourselves to an inclusive, compassionate, and creative response to the needs and gifts of persons with mental, physical, and/or psychologically handicapping conditions.

Report No. 27

Petitions: CS-LC1243, CS1463, CS1647, CS1712

Subject: The Church and Persons With Handicapping Conditions

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 111; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 456, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 26.

Report No. 28

Petitions: CS1831

Subject: Support of the Fair Housing Act

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 111; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 457, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.

The committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, discriminatory practices in the sale and rental of housing on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, or handicapping conditions continue to restrict access to adequate housing for a significant portion of the population; and

WHEREAS, weaknesses in the enforcement scheme of federal, state, and local laws have made it difficult to achieve the fair housing goals of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church affirms that the primary role of public housing policy is to build neighborhood stability by ensuring housing opportunity for all persons in the neighborhood of their choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church reaffirms its support for the Fair Housing Act, and specifically supports congressional efforts to amend Title VIII to provide an effective judicial enforcement procedure for resolving fair housing complaints when conciliation efforts fail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church supports expanding the coverage of the Fair Housing Act to provide protection for persons with handicapping conditions against discrimination in housing; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church supports state and local legislation that would strengthen fair housing enforcement across the country and Housing and Urban Development and Farmers Home Administration funding assistance for states with laws that are substantially equivalent to federal law, and supports referral of fair housing cases for disposition at the state level where such equivalent enforcement mechanisms are in place or enacted.

Report No. 29

Petitions: CS1692
Subject: Federal Housing Legislation
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 458, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 30

Petitions: CS1627
Subject: AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 91; For 84; Against 4; Not Voting 3.
The committee in action in Report No. 139 voted a substitute resolution (see page 950).

Report No. 31

Petitions: CS1665, CS1746
Subject: AIDS
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 111; Present 91; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 460, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 139.

Report No. 32

Petitions: CS1691
Subject: U.S. Government Funding Cutbacks of Human Service Programs
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 88; For 80; Against 6; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 821, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the United States government is proposing and implementing funding cutbacks in various programs of human services, and

Whereas we deplore these cuts because of their effects on the stability of families; and

Whereas the ultimate losers in many of the program funding cuts are poor persons with no defense and no political power;

Therefore be it resolved that The United Methodist Church oppose those funding cuts which curtail needed human service programs; and

Be it further resolved that The United Methodist Church go on record as supporting human service programs as a high priority for the government of the United States.

Report No. 33

Petitions: CS1585
Subject: Concern for Human Rights in Central America
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 96; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 822, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 357-359.
The committee recommends adoption of the following statement:

Concern for Human Rights in Central America

". . . all persons and groups are of equal worth in the sight of God. We, therefore, work toward societies in which each person's or group's worth is recognized, maintained, and strengthened.

We deplore all political and economic ideologies that lead to repression or totalitarianism, that pit persons against each other, . . . that seek to enhance privilege and power of the few at the expense of the well-being of the many. We condemn violations of human rights in all political and economic structures. The church, while proclaiming the gospel message of a God of love and justice, must be wary lest it compromise its own witness and unwittingly become an uncritical ally of repressive power and privilege in society around it." (Human Rights Resolution, *The Book of Resolutions*, 1980)

As members of the Body of Christ we affirm:

". . . that there may be no discord in the body but that the members may have the same care for one another; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (I Corinthians 12:25-26).

In the last few years we have been pained by the suffering of our sisters and brothers in Central America. We have witnessed the unending persecutions, kidnappings, rapes, and assassinations of the people in most countries in Central America, while natural disasters, diseases, and grinding poverty continue to aggravate the sharp social stratification which divides their societies. We have witnessed the plight of Indian communities in Central America and, in some instances, genocidal practices against them. In addition, the countries and people of the region have been plagued with a history of relationships characterized by economic, political, military, and religious domination by Europe and the United States. We have been shocked by the testimonies coming from the people in each of the countries where human rights are grossly violated.

In Nicaragua, in 1983, the Evangelical Committee for Relief and Development (CEPAD) pleaded with Christians in the United States with the following statement:

"As Christians, committed to justice and to love, we can no less than denounce before all of you and before the world the atrocities committed by the counter-revolutionaries attacking our country, of which our brethren are victims.

"These groups are clearly trained and financed by the government of the United States, which the press of the United States has on various occasions exposed, and as they invade our country they are planting death, panic, and desperation among our people."

In El Salvador, in 1983, Archbishop Rivera y Damas of San Salvador, noting that 30,000 Salvadoran noncombatants had been murdered in the past four years, declared:

"Curiously, in the case of (the deaths of) North American citizens, elements belonging to the security forces have been

detained, while in the case of thousands of assassinated Salvadorans, very rarely has justice been done. Where are the perpetrators of these crimes . . . ? Those murders continue, in many cases with victims pulled from their houses in the middle of the night."

Archbishop Rivera y Damas also framed an eloquent Christian response to the violence in Central America in his November 13, 1983 homily. He said the violence against clerics in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua "makes us understand that the Church is and will continue to be a hindrance and an object of persecution when it does not accommodate the whims of a totalitarian system of government, be it of the right or of the left . . ."

In the case of Guatemala, the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America (ICCHRLA) reported, in the latter part of 1982:

". . . that human rights violations including torture, disappearance, assassinations, and massacres have not only continued but, in many areas, have increased since the March 1982 coup which brought General Jose Efrain Rios Montt to power."

In the wake of the coup in the summer of 1983 any hope for peace with justice dimmed, since the new leader, (Chief of Staff) General Oscar Umberto Mejia Victores, was the Minister of Defense under General Montt.

In Honduras, in 1983, Honduran Christians voiced their apprehensions to United Methodists from the United States. Dissent is repressed. Violence in the countryside is on the increase. Refugees from Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala pose enormous burdens on the people of Honduras; and Hondurans are confused by a U.S. policy, which, while claiming support of the civilian government, has greatly reinforced the power of the military through its increased aid in arms and training. A strengthened military is seen by some as a threat to civilian leadership.

In the last three years Christian councils in Latin America have appealed to Christians in the United States. Representatives from the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches in Latin America came to the United States in 1982 and were itinerated throughout The United Methodist Church. They urged their brothers and sisters in that country to pressure the United States government to change its policies toward the countries of Central America. And in 1983, the Executive Committee of the Latin American Council of Churches voiced the same concern:

". . . in the name of millions of indigenous farmers of Central America who have been thrown off their lands, whose rights to life and personal safety have been taken away; in the name of the

malnourished and sick children who die each day with no hope in their countries; in the name of political, student, union, and religious leaders who have been killed or disappeared or put in jail in this prolonged and growing struggle which seems to have no end; in the name of the innumerable refugees going through a dark night of exile and desolation; in the name of thousands of Christian martyrs (among them several Protestant ministers) who, especially in the life offering of Monseñor Romero, plead to heaven and earth for justice and for full and genuine liberation, and peace for our nations; but, above all, in the name of Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead (Revelation 1:5) and He who is present in the lives and sufferings of those our lesser brethren (Matthew 25:31-46), we beg you to take our plea upon your hearts and consciences, and to act now, before it is too late."

And most recently, following the announcement of elections by the Nicaraguan government, and the increasing aggression, overt and covert, by the government of the United States through the Central Intelligence Agency, the same council authorities sent in April, 1984 the following cable to the churches in the United States:

"The mining of Nicaraguan ports, and the constant aggression aimed against that nation by the United States government, is a cynical violation of the human rights of the Nicaraguan people and a threat to the future of Latin America.

"In the name of the God of Truth and of History, in the name of the more than one hundred Churches of the Latin American Council, we condemn these colonialist actions and call for firm reaction from and the solidarity of all genuine Christian and democratic forces of the North American people and of the entire world."

I. Because of the cries for justice and liberation of our brothers and sisters in Central America;

—because of our conviction that injustice and war do not lead to peace;

—and because of the participation of the government of the United States in this suffering;

we call upon the government of the United States to:

a. recognize the conflicts in Central America as struggles for human rights and self-determination rather than confrontations between the super-powers of East and West.

b. actively support the Contadora group (Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, and Panama) in efforts to find a peaceful, nonmilitary solution to conflict in the region and become a willing participant

in the peace negotiation process being conducted by the Contadora group.

c. refrain from any activity, military, economic, or of any other nature, covert or overt, directed against any sovereign state in Central America designed to destabilize existing governments.

d. refrain from granting external economic aid without the credible means of insuring its equitable distribution.

e. apply human rights certification based upon data from Amnesty International and the United Nations Human Rights Commission as a criterion for military and economic assistance to governments in the region.

f. respect and recognize each nation's sovereignty and rights to self-determination and cease imposing its own political and economic system on the countries of Central America.

g. grant "extended voluntary departure status" for persons fleeing repression and war in Central America.

II. Because we believe that a political solution must be found on an international level, we call upon the United Nations to press for an end of all military intervention, overt and covert, in all of the countries of Central America.

III. Because of our commitment as United Methodist Christians to peace, justice, and liberty, we will begin a massive effort in education, mission, and witness concerning the plight of Central America. To carry out this endeavor we will:

a. strengthen our ties of solidarity with the people of Central America by deepening our understanding of the history and cultures of the region.

b. provide, through the general boards and agencies, curriculum materials, study guides, and other resources prepared in consultation with Latin American Christians for local church usage.

c. encourage annual conferences and Central American churches to take advantage of opportunities for mutual travel and dialogue.

d. provide that exchanges of curriculum material and, whenever possible, exchanges of visitors between United States and Central American churches should be inclusive of various theological and political philosophies, so that our peoples may better understand the diversity of the viewpoints that exist within our communions.

e. continue to be supportive of Christians (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant) who are participating in the struggle for liberation and self-determination, including freedom of association, freedom of expression, freedom of religion, and open and competitive elections, free from outside interference by any

nation, institution or corporation, and against dictatorships of the right and left.

f. encourage and enable The United Methodist Church to increase its efforts to assist Central American victims and refugees.

g. advocate and support policies and programs by The United Methodist Church directed to the protection, defense, and promotion of the indigenous (Indian) communities in Central America.

h. while realizing the legal implications, be supportive of and encourage churches in the United States that provide sanctuary.

i. pray that justice and peace prevail in Central America.

Report No. 34

Petitions: CS1812-1815, CS1639, CS1765, CS1666, CS1720, CS1634, CS1845

Subject: Human Rights in Central America

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 823, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 33.

Report No. 35

Petitions: CS1680

Subject: Recognition of Cuba

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

(Note: Vote is printed as reported by the committee.—*Editor*)

Calendar No. 824, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 452.

The committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

Recognition of Cuba

The United Methodist Church is linked in Christ with the Methodist Church of Cuba. We share a common heritage and mission. We are mutually responsible for the proclamation of God's love and the nurturing of neighbor-love.

"God's world is one world." The Social Principles require us to make the community of God a reality as we "pledge ourselves to seek the meaning of the gospel in all issues that divide people and threaten the growth of world community." Such a world cannot exist when nations refuse to give diplomatic recognition to one another.

For over 20 years the government of the United States has not maintained diplomatic relations with the government of Cuba and has instead pursued an economic embargo prohibiting any kinds of trade with Cuba. This policy has resulted in the loss of an important commercial market and trade partner for the United States, and in the heightening of tensions in the Caribbean. The objectives sought by the proponents of this policy were to force a change in Cuban foreign policy and to halt the growth and development of Soviet influence in that country.

It is now clear that the embargo policy has not succeeded with those objectives. If anything, its most evident result has been to force Cuba to an even closer political and military reliance on the Soviet Union.

WHEREAS, the Methodist Church in 1964 made an historical statement entitled the "Re-examination of Policy Toward Mainland China, Cuba and other Countries," which said: "The Christian gospel involves reconciliation by encounter and by communication regardless of political considerations. Therefore, we cannot accept the expression of hostility by any country, its policies, or its ideologies as excuses for the failure of Christians to press persistently, realistically, and creatively toward a growing understanding among the peoples of all countries"; and

WHEREAS, the government of the United States is the only major Western country pursuing a policy of nonrelations with Cuba, while Canada, France, Great Britain, West Germany, Japan, Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia and almost all other countries of the western alliance maintain normal diplomatic and/or economic relations with Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the government of the United States has in recent years strengthened its commercial and diplomatic relations with other Communist countries such as the Soviet Union itself, China, Hungary, Poland, and Rumania, independently of their foreign policy which differs and often collides with that of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Reagan administration declared that the United States will not use food as a foreign policy instrument when it lifted the grain embargo against the Soviet Union imposed by the Carter administration in order to protest the Soviet intervention in the conflict in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the lifting of the economic embargo against Cuba would help relieve tensions in the Caribbean while creating a new important market for American industry and agriculture, especially at a time of high unemployment in this country; and

WHEREAS, the Ecumenical Council of Cuba, of which the Methodist Church of Cuba is a member, the Cuban Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops, and several other international as well as United States religious bodies such as the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and the American Baptist Churches have passed resolutions in favor of lifting the embargo;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The United Methodist Church, from its Christian and humanitarian perspective, hereby petition the government of the United States to lift its economic embargo against Cuba and to seek negotiations with the Cuban government for the purpose of resuming normal diplomatic relations.

Report No. 36

Petitions: CS1607, CS1764, CS1795, CS1799

Subject: Recognition of Cuba

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 825, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 35.

Report No. 37

Petitions: CS1800

Subject: Resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 86; For 81; Against 2; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 826, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 467-468.

The committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan in recent months has been widely reported in the media; and

WHEREAS, in many instances the impression has been conveyed that the burning of crosses and destruction of homes of black residents may be simply an act of vandalism carried out by juveniles; and

WHEREAS, the cross burnings and destruction of homes and desecration of synagogues and churches is an elaborate and premeditated act which cannot be dismissed as only the spontaneous expression of juvenile restlessness; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of minors in such racist rituals means that tomorrow's generation of whites is embracing as a virtue the racism of its elders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church expresses its sympathy to the victims of recent outbreaks of racial and religious violence and calls upon all United Methodists to:

1. Oppose the involvement of minors in paramilitary training sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan and other racist groups;

2. Embark on a serious program of education in the church and elsewhere on the current resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and its challenge to the witness of the gospel and the dignity of all persons;

3. Continue to express our abhorrence at the claim of the Ku Klux Klan that their values and practices are compatible with Christian teaching and the faith and practice of The United Methodist Church;

4. Formulate and maintain caring systems to support and maintain parishes, churches and families harrassed by members and friends of the Ku Klux Klan;

5. Support and work in coalition with groups that are already working on this issue;

6. Call upon federal, state, and local governments to use resources to implement positive educational programs about the dangers and costs of racism in a democratic society;

7. Call upon federal, state, and local governments to exercise the utmost vigilance and bring to justice perpetrators of racial and religious violence and intimidation;

8. Express their minds and hearts in this coming electoral season and urge that candidates for government positions name the struggles against racism and injustice as a top priority.

9. Support the Greensboro Civil Rights suit as an important and valid means of ascertaining the truth about the November 3, 1979, killings of five anti-Klan demonstrators in Greensboro, N.C.;

10. Support a Congressional hearing on racist violence in those states where statistics reveal an increase in the activity of the Ku Klux Klan and such other groups, and on allegations of government involvement or negligence exacerbating such violence.

Report No. 38

Petitions: CS1492, CS1543

Subject: Basic Freedoms

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 827, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337.

The committee recommends adoption of the text of revised ¶ 74A as follows:

Basic Freedoms.—We hold governments responsible for the protection of the rights of people to the freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, and communications media, **and petition for redress of grievances without fear of reprisal;** to the right to privacy; and to the guarantee of the right to adequate food, clothing, shelter, education and health care. **We also strongly reject domestic surveillance and intimidation of political opponents by governments in power, and all other misuses of elective or appointive offices.** The use of detention and imprisonment for the harassment and elimination of political opponents or other dissidents violates fundamental human rights. Furthermore, the mistreatment or torture of persons by governments for any purpose violates Christian teaching, and must be condemned and/or opposed by Christians and churches wherever and whenever it occurs.

The Church regards the institution of slavery as an infamous evil. All forms of enslavement are totally prohibited and shall in no way be tolerated by the Church.

Report No. 39

Petitions: CS1498
Subject: Basic Freedoms
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 828, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 38.

Report No. 40

Petitions: CS1587
Subject: Criminal Justice
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 56; For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 829, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.
The committee recommends adoption of the statement:

Criminal Justice

Justice is the basic principle upon which God's creation has been established. It is the necessary ingredient required for the achievement of humanity's ultimate purpose.

Justice is an integral and uncompromising part in God's redemptive process which assures wholeness. It is a quality relationship based on God's love and the human response motivated by love.

Justice is the theme which permeates the history of God's people as participants in the ongoing human drama of their daily existence.

The gospel, through the example of Jesus Christ, conveys the message for Christians to be healers, peacemakers, and reconcilers when faced with brokenness, violence, and vengeance. Through love, caring, and forgiveness, Jesus Christ was able to transform lives and restore the dignity and purpose in those who were willing to abide by his principles.

Jesus Christ was opposed to vengeance as the way to administer justice (Matthew 5:38-44).

As Christians we recognize that each person is unique and has great value before God. Human worth does not diminish when a person violates laws made by human beings, for human worth has been guaranteed even when God's law has been violated.

The Christian Church as an institution is charged with the responsibility to ensure that a system of justice safeguards the inherent right that human beings possess as God's creatures and objects of the love and care which derive from that relationship.

The primary purpose of the criminal justice system and its administration is to protect individuals and society from any violation of their legal and constitutional rights.

The criminal justice system in this country has been adversely affected by economic and social conditions which have resulted in discrimination against the poor, minorities, and women.

Too often prisons are places where dehumanizing conditions reinforce negative social behavior. This contributes to the high incidence of recidivism and perpetuates the cycle of violence, crime, and incarceration.

The administration of the criminal justice system has reached a level of saturation which leads to expediency rather than the even-handed application of justice and punishment.

As United Methodist Christians we are called to sensitize those institutions which operate within the criminal justice system to be responsible, more humane and just, to ensure the full participation in society by those who have deviated from laws established as normative guidelines for behavior. Therefore, we will:

1. Minister to prisoners, offenders, exoffenders, victims, and to the families involved. (This includes working toward the goal of restoration and reconciliation of victims and offenders.)

2. Develop and offer competent ministries of mediation and conflict resolution, within the criminal justice system.

3. Nurture members of The United Methodist Church and the general public in the insights of the faith as they provide guidance in expressing redemption and reconciliation for those persons embroiled in the criminal justice system.

4. Develop attitudes of acceptance in the community and opportunities for employment for those persons who are released from imprisonment or who are participating in programs that assist them to re-enter community life.

5. Monitor governmental policies and programs in the field of criminal justice and respond to them from our faith perspective.

Law Enforcement and Courts. Because we believe in reconciliation and redemption, we will work for a criminal justice system that is just and humane and has as its goals restoration rather than vengeance. Toward this end we will support the following:

1. Provision of safeguards to ensure that the poor, minorities, and the inexperienced have available the legal assistance and other advantages available to the rich, powerful, and the experienced.

2. Elimination of influences and practices of discrimination based on race, ethnic, or cultural background, political identification, age, class, or sex.

3. Staffing of the criminal justice system at every level by persons who represent a diversity of backgrounds in our society and who meet high standards of training and experience, including cultural understanding and care about the persons who come under their jurisdiction.

4. Separation of juvenile offenders from adult offenders with correction given to them outside the traditional courts and correctional system.

With specific regard to law enforcement officials and the courts, we as United Methodists:

1. Support efforts to develop alternative methods to the use of deadly force by law enforcement officials.

2. Insist that accused persons should have competent legal assistance and be ensured a speedy trial.

3. Insist that accused persons whose presence at trial can be assured otherwise be released on personal recognizance.

4. Support civil, cultural, religious, and political rights of accused persons.

5. Support use of plea bargaining as a useful tool in criminal justice.

6. Recognize that organized crime has corrupting power over the racial, political, and economic life of our nations and support

efforts to oppose it through effective legislation, strong law enforcement, and the development of public awareness.

Sentences. The primary purpose of a sentence for a crime is to protect society from future crimes by the offender, the deterrence of offenders from committing a crime, restitution of the victim, and assistance to the offender to become a law-abiding citizen.

Believing in the love of Christ who came to save those who are lost and vulnerable, we urge the creation of a genuinely new system and programs for rehabilitation that will restore, preserve, and nurture the total humanity of the imprisoned. We believe that sentences should hold within them the possibilities of reconciliation and restoration. Therefore we assert that:

1. In the sentencing by the courts and in the implementation of the sentences, the criminal justice system should use all resources and knowledge available to ensure that sentencing embodies the possibility of rehabilitation and reconciliation.

2. Judicial discretion is an essential element if sentences that will best serve the needs of society and the offender are to be imposed.

3. Imprisonment should be imposed only when the continued freedom of the offender poses a direct threat to society and when no acceptable alternative exists.

4. Capital punishment should be eliminated since it violates the concept of sacredness of human life and is contrary to our belief that sentences should hold within them the possibilities of reconciliation and restoration.

5. Sentences to restitution, community service, and other non-imprisonment alternatives provide economical, rational and humane systems of justice for non-dangerous offenders and provide justice for the victim.

6. Neighborhood halfway houses or community living arrangements should be promoted and encouraged to facilitate the possibility of re-entry into society by ex-offenders. These facilities should be established in neighborhoods of local United Methodist churches.

7. Convicted persons, including those incarcerated, should be able to exercise the same constitutional rights as the rest of society, with the exception of the right of movement. Political rights should be restored to convicted persons when their sentences have been served.

8. Community involvement and concern is needed to monitor the policies and practices of the criminal justice system.

9. The criminal justice system must be accessible to all persons.

10. Accused persons must not be prejudged for detention before trial on the basis of their character, race, culture, gender, or class.

11. Percentage-of-sentence limitations on "good behavior" paroles violate the Christian mandates for redemption and reconciliation.

12. Government commissions for criminal justice reform must include persons who have been in prison and who show deep sensitivity to the needs of offenders and society.

13. Illegally seized evidence should not be admissible under any circumstances since it sanctions illegal activity by an exclusive segment of society and contradicts the definition of equal justice.

Report No. 41

Petitions: CS1542, CS1637, CS1673, CS1698, CS1500, CS1693, CS1785, CS1705, CS1505, CS1640

Subject: Criminal Justice

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 57; For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 830, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 40.

Report No. 42

Petitions: CS1590

Subject: Domestic Surveillance

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 64; For 63; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 831, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 468.

The committee recommends adoption of the resolution:

Domestic Surveillance

Openness is a redemptive gift of God, calling for trust and honesty between various segments of the community. Justice is the cornerstone of that trust we have come to expect in our elective and appointive representatives of the community. Communal wholeness is attained through the concerted use of these elements.

Domestic surveillance is an issue which, without adequate safeguards of civil rights, threatens the moral and legal fiber of our society.

Domestic surveillance is the gathering of information pertaining to the intent, capabilities, and activities of individuals and/or

groups involved in criminal activities for a foreign agent or power. The intent is to root out elements that threaten or harm the national security of a country. Yet, Congressional hearings, over time, have revealed that intelligence agencies often misuse and abuse surveillance activities: "Domestic intelligence has threatened and undermined the constitutional rights of Americans to free speech, association, and privacy. It has done so primarily because the constitutional system for checking abuse of power has not been applied" (1976, Senator Church's Committee Report on Intelligence).

Examples of abuse include:

a) The use of grand jury investigations to harrass American citizens and groups exercising their freedom of speech under the First Amendment. Those under subpoena to grand juries have been incarcerated after exercising their rights.

b) The surveillance, disruption, infiltration and harrassment of, and thefts from, peace groups during the Vietnam era, and, later, anti-nuclear, anti-war groups.

c) The active surveillance and infiltration of church missional programs, environmental groups, civil and constitutional rights groups, etc.

Governmental directives and policies have been formulated that provide the intelligence agencies with a wider latitude in initiating domestic investigations. Recent directives expand the role these agencies play in conducting surveillance, and use techniques that heretofore had been considered violent and extreme. These directives legitimize abuses by giving the intelligence agencies the power to:

a) Conduct warrantless searches and seizures, in direct violation of the Fourth Amendment of the Bill of Rights, including electronic surveillance, unconsented physical surveillance, and mail surveillance.

b) Direct intelligence techniques toward anyone who comes in contact with a foreign person or organization, i.e. "foreign" friends, members of the United Nations, church and related support agencies.

c) Infiltrate and influence the activities of law-abiding organizations in the United States, without valid reason to suspect or allege illegal activities.

d) Use journalists, missionaries, students, businesspersons, and teachers as undercover agents, oftentimes without their expressed knowledge.

e) Conduct secret campus research, if authorized by undefined "appropriate officials."

As United Methodists, the issue of domestic surveillance and its misuse and abuse deserves a renewed focus. As stated in the Social Principles of 1980:

"Citizens of every country should have access to all essential information regarding their government and its policies. National Security should not be extended to justify or keep secret maladministration, or illegal and unconscionable activities directed against persons or groups by their government or by other governments. We also strongly reject domestic surveillance and intimidation of political opponents by governments in power, and all other misuse of elective or appointive offices" (Par. 74C).

We therefore call upon The United Methodist Church at all levels to:

a) Affirm the rights of individuals and groups to address governmental policies that reject the freedom to associate and the freedom of speech, especially to the beliefs that enhance the political, social, economic, and spiritual quality of life.

b) Recommend revocation of directives and policies that reduce public review of executive, judicial, and legislative procedures.

c) Support the continuing need for the present Freedom of Information Act. (Actions to weaken FOIA and to restrict public access to local, state, and federal documents violates the principles of trust and openness, elements that enhance human development.)

d) Affirm the responsibility of governments to ensure the national security of their people. (We reject the use of "national security" as a guise for illegal and unconstitutional actions of governments. Invocation of the term "national security" for unjust reasons undermines the credibility of governments and threatens the safety of their citizenry at home and abroad.)

e) Support local, state, and federal actions and policies that respond adequately to the needs of the citizenry and ensure their fundamental moral and legal rights. (Local, state and federal agencies should work together with community representatives in formulating policies that account for these needs.)

Report No. 43

Petitions: CS1487
Subject: Gambling
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 832, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends addition of the following to ¶ 73G (becoming the third sentence): **Where gambling has become addictive, the Church will encourage such individuals to receive therapeutic assistance so that the individual's energies may be redirected into positive and constructive ends.**

The final sentence would remain unchanged.

Report No. 44

Petitions: CS1482
Subject: Gambling
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 833, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 43.

Report No. 45

Petitions: CS1793-4
Subject: Religious Freedom
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 66; For 58; Against 7; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 834, Defeated May 11, 1984, Journal Page 462.
The committee recommends that the statement included in these petitions be referred for study to the General Board of Church and Society, in relation to present United Methodist policy statements in the *Book of Resolutions* and to relevant United Nations documents.

Report No. 45 (Minority)

Petitions: CS1793-4
Subject: Religious Freedom
Date: May 6, 1984
Calendar No. 1214, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 462.
We recommend adoption of the following resolution on religious freedom:

We, the people of The United Methodist Church, believe that religious freedom is of fundamental importance. Human beings must be able to do freely that for which they were created—to worship God.

Religious liberty includes the following freedoms: 1) to worship and assemble and to establish and maintain places for these purposes; 2) to establish and maintain charitable, humanitarian, and social outreach institutions; 3) to make, acquire, and use

necessary articles and materials related to the rites or customs of a religion or belief; 4) to write, publish, and disseminate relevant publications; 5) to teach religious beliefs to one's children; 6) to promulgate religious beliefs to others in the community and the world at large; 7) to solicit and receive voluntary financial and other contributions from individuals and institutions; 8) to speak to and influence the other social institutions of society, as one part of a pluralistic system; 9) to train, appoint, elect, or designate leaders and staff for the organized expression of religious belief, free from government interference or direction; 10) to observe days of rest, to celebrate holidays and ceremonies in accordance with the precepts of one's religion; 11) to establish and maintain communication with individuals in communities in matters of religion and belief at the national and international levels.

Threats to Religious Freedom. Freedom of religion involves much more than the right to worship quietly within the walls of a church. Religious institutions have the right—even the obligation—to offer moral testimony on the great issues of state and society. Prohibiting such social involvement is one form of denying religious freedom.

Religious freedom is also denied when one form of religion is allowed and encouraged by the state while others are disallowed and repressed—sometimes violently.

Religious freedom is denied in totalitarian societies, where all forms of voluntary association—even for the purposes of private religious worship—are seen as a threat to the all-encompassing dominance of the state.

Religious freedom is denied when governments or political movements seek to transform religious institutions into instruments of political power and ideology by means of manipulation, infiltration, or hidden control. Such misuse of religion poisons the one vessel of conscience and Spirit that often remains to the subjects of a police society. It violates history's traditional place of consolation and sanctuary. It turns the refuge of the oppressed into another of the torments of the oppressor.

Church Action to Expand Religious Freedom. The United Methodist Church places a high priority on the struggle to expand religious freedom in the world. Our actions must include prayer, public witness, acts of mercy and, inevitably, protests against governments and political movements. It is precisely because church members in totalitarian societies are denied the right of protest that Christians who enjoy freedom have an obligation to speak out on behalf of those who do not.

In carrying out this responsibility, United Methodist agencies shall follow several important guidelines, and shall advocate

these guidelines in the ecumenical groups in which our church participates:

1. We will apply a single standard of human rights and religious freedom to all societies, irrespective of their political coloration.

2. We will advocate freedom of association, speech, and free and competitive elections, as the best guarantee that people will have a say in structuring and maintaining their own political, economic, and cultural institutions, including religious institutions.

3. We will reach out to those people who seek genuine democratic change and speak against those around the world who would substitute a new form of repression in the name of change which would deny religious liberty and human rights.

4. Although "silent diplomacy" has its uses, we, as Christians, will also provide open testimony to help protect persecuted believers by focusing public attention on the actions of their oppressors.

5. We consider it a special obligation to minister to those brave souls who refuse to succumb to the state's efforts to control and subjugate them. Our contacts will not be limited to government-sanctioned international religious conferences and institutions, but expanded to include the broad community of believers.

6. We understand why church representatives from totalitarian countries are at times forced to advocate the policies of their governments. But we will be forthright in criticizing the governments that impose such demands on our sisters and brothers. Such criticism will no doubt displease despotic rulers. But it will give oppressed religious leaders in such societies a useful tool for expanding the autonomy and independence of their organizations.

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Report No. 46

Petitions: CS1493

Subject: Freedom of Information

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 835, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.*

The committee recommends adoption of the revised ¶ 74C as follows:

Freedom of Information.—Citizens of **all** *every country* **countries** should have access to all essential information regarding their government and its policies. **Illegal and unconscionable activities directed against persons or groups by their own governments must not be justified or kept secret even under the guise of national security.** *National security must not be extended to justify or keep secret maladministration, or illegal and unconscionable activities directed against persons or groups by their own government or by other governments. We also strongly reject domestic surveillance and intimidation of political opponents by governments in power, and all other misuses of elective or appointive offices. We believe that such misuse constitutes moral grounds for removal from office.*

Report No. 47

Petitions: CS1509
Subject: Freedom of Information
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 836, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 46.

Report No. 48

Petitions: CS1583, 1584
Subject: Common Heritage
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 837, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 462.
The committee recommends adoption of the statement:

Common Heritage

Common Heritage Concept. The common heritage is a pioneering concept in actual international cooperation and sharing of the benefits of the world's resources. This concept stems from the underlying premise that resources outside control of different nations should be under a just and equitable system of management. Several principles are a general guide to what a common heritage area may be. These include the need for full participation in decisionmaking for all nations; the use of the resource area only for peaceful purposes; no nation allowed an exclusive claim; the transfer of technology; and development of

the resources for the benefit of all humanity while insuring future generations the use of the area and resources as well.

Past, Present and Future Implementation. The international community has been developing the concept of common heritage through the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty and the Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies. The system that has evolved in the Law of the Sea is one to which most countries have agreed, although no one nation has been totally satisfied. Nations are continuing in the process to complete the implementation of the concept through the ongoing Law of the Sea process. The concept of the common heritage is being expanded to include, but is not limited to, the air we breathe, water which sustains all life, the genetic variability of plants and animals upon which future agriculture and medicine may depend; Antarctica; the moon; other planets; and outerspace.

Biblical and Theological Base. The common heritage concept has its roots for people of faith in the biblical understanding that all creation is under the authority of God and that all creation is interdependent. Our covenant with God requires us to be stewards, protectors, and defenders of all creation. The use of natural resources is a universal concern and responsibility of all as reflected in Psalm 24:1: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

The New Testament confronts us with the implication of the Old Testament understanding when it asks us how we use our resources in relation to our brothers and sisters. John the Baptist prepared us for Jesus' ministry by stating, "Those who have two coats let them share with those who have none; and those who have food let them do likewise" (Luke 3:11). This philosophy was carried forth into the early church by incorporating the belief that the way in which one shares one's goods is a reflection of how one loves God. This is stated in I John 3:17: "If those who were rich enough in this world's goods saw that one of their sisters or brothers was in need, but closed their hearts to that person, how could the love of God be alive in them?"

Our Denomination Witness. United Methodists have affirmed the common heritage since 1976 and have worked to see the common heritage become codified into international agreements for Law of the Sea, the moon, and Antarctica.

The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church apply these basic biblical perceptions to how we use the resources of creation when it says: "We believe that Christian faith denies to any person or group of persons exclusive and arbitrary control of any other part of the created universe. Socially and culturally

conditioned ownership of property is, therefore, to be considered a responsibility to God" (1980).

The 1980 *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church in "Our Theological Task" cautions us that "we must also be conscious that God has been and is now working among all people. There is a new sense in which we now must realize that we are given to one another on this fragile small planet, to work out with God the salvation, health, healing, and peace God intended for all God's people."

The Social Principles also remind us that "upon the powerful rests responsibility to exercise their wealth and influence with restraint." Furthermore, the Principles say that as United Methodists "we applaud international efforts to develop a more just international economic order, in which the limited resources of the earth will be used to the maximum benefit of all nations and peoples."

God's people carry the obligation of faithfulness, demonstrated through action. Thus, when personal devotion to worldly goods or benefits and maintenance of wealth becomes the ultimate concern, when people's worth becomes defined by their possessions, the covenant with God is broken and injustice is promoted.

Statements of Understanding. In light of the uneven patterns of utilization of the gospel and United Methodist tradition, we affirm these principles:

1. Specific natural resources belong to all humanity, and therefore must be developed and preserved for the benefit of all, not just for the few, both today and for generations to come.

2. All people have the right to enough of the resources of the universe to provide for their health and well-being.

3. God's creation is intended to be used for the good of all as a precious gift, not for warfare or economic oppression of others.

4. The concept of the common heritage needs to include, but not be limited to, the air we breathe; water which sustains all life; the genetic variability of plants and animals upon which future agriculture and medicine may depend; Antarctica; the moon; other planets; and outer space.

Recommended Actions. Therefore as United Methodists we are called to:

1. Work for and support the process of legal implementation of the common heritage concept as understood in the Law of the Sea Treaty and the Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, as vehicles to address a more just and responsible use of God's creation.

2. Request that the appropriate general agencies of The United Methodist Church study and develop a broad biblical and

theological understanding of the common heritage concept, which should include but not be limited to Antarctica, outer space, plant and animal genetics, air and water.

3. Request that the appropriate general agencies of The United Methodist Church develop and distribute resources for education about, and become advocates for, the common heritage concept.

4. Study these materials on the common heritage as individuals, local congregations, general program agencies and other groups.

Report No. 49

Petitions: CS1769, CS1830, CS1869
Subject: Common Heritage
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 838, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 48.

Report No. 50

Petitions: CS1579
Subject: Agricultural and Rural Life Issues
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 61; For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 839, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 483.
The committee recommends adoption of the resolution to replace the resolution on the same subject in the 1980 *Book of Resolutions.*

Agricultural and Rural Life Issues

I. Theological Statement. In the beginning, the Creator formed light and darkness, energy and matter, space and time, and the earth with all that is around, on and within it. Primal life forms were brought forth, and finally human beings were made in the Creator's image and likeness. The Creator looked over this work and called creation good. Thus could the Psalmist sing, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1, RSV).

Several basic biblical themes repeat themselves regarding nature and the land: God is the owner of the land (Lev. 25), thus it is a gift in covenant which involves the stewardship of keeping and tending the land for present and future generations; as God's creation, it has rights and needs, the need to be regenerated that

it may sustain life and be a place of joy; and it is a corporate gift to all of humanity requiring just patterns of land use.

These basic biblical themes have not always been observed by present day owners and managers of the lands. In the past 50 years, United States agriculture has changed dramatically in terms of organization and interdependence with the domestic and international economies. These profound changes include the concentration of land ownership into fewer hands and the continued loss of the family farm; the mining of the soil resulting in quickened land erosion; water aquifers contaminated and depleted; the loss of prime farmland to other social uses; the highest number of farm foreclosures since the 1930's; the vertical integration of the agricultural economy resulting in new forms of bondage; and the wasting of community, that sense of belonging to each other within common purposes and values. These trends have accelerated in the past ten years.

Faith mandates that the stewardship of earth's resources must be a central concern of all God's people. We must allow our personal and social salvation in Jesus Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide us into attitudes and actions appropriate to the management of agricultural and rural resources as God's servants. This central theological point is matched by the needs of all God's people for food, clothing, shelter, justice, and caring. We are called to be especially concerned about poor and powerless people and those who are starving or barely subsisting. We must make Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason central Wesleyan doctrinal forces as United Methodists face agricultural and rural life issues in the United States and around the world.

II. Historical Involvement. The United Methodist Church has long had an interest in rural life issues. Each General Conference since 1940 has given guidance to The United Methodist Church and/or its predecessor bodies and to society for improving the opportunities of rural people.

Since 1972, each General Conference has adopted major resolutions on agricultural and rural issues. The Social Principles speak to the need for building national support for the improvement of rural life, for meeting the special needs of migrant workers, the encouragement of industry to locate in non-urban areas, and the rights of women and children.

III. Roots of United Methodist Rural Church. As the United States developed westward, The United Methodist Church moved with the frontier and developed a lifestyle that met the needs of community, establishing churches, schools, hospitals,

homes for persons in need, and welcome for the immigrants. The dynamic spiritual motivation, the circuit pattern, the lay preacher, and the traveling elder furnished the flexibility necessary for ministering to a people on the move. Rural churches became significant centers for community life; they still serve this vital function.

Today, appproximately 88 percent of our members are located in population areas of 50,000 or less; 78 percent of our churches and 51 percent of our members are located in population areas of 10,000 or less; 58.3 percent of our churches and 24 percent of our members are located in population areas of 1,000 or less. Ours is a denomination of small membership churches; 64.6 percent of our churches have fewer than 199 members and 41.4 percent have fewer than 99 members. The multiple church charge is the primary pattern of pastoral assignment. Our 38,321 churches are lodged deep in the fabric of rural America. During the decade of the 1970's, rural areas grew 15.8 percent—a rate not seen since the early 1800's. This presents a unique opportunity to the church for a continuing and expanded ministry.

IV. Issues in Town and Country America. Rural and urban America live in a necessary relationship of mutual aid. Less than 3 percent of the nation's population furnishes food and fiber sufficient for domestic and export needs. On the other hand, the cities and factory system furnish many of the necessary inputs for agricultural production. We affirm this interdependence and note that the survival needs of all our people are dependent upon the social relationships that exist between rural and urban areas. Vibrant rural communities based on a widely dispersed, owner-operated agriculture serves the interests of all. Our concern with rural issues does not blind us to the problems of urban areas; we see them in dynamic relationship to each other.

1. ***The Family Farm.*** The family-type farm has provided an environment conducive to the growth of human personality, the enrichment of family life, the well-being of rural communities and institutions, and the protection of natural resources. This pattern of agriculture has also contributed notably to the development and preservation of democratic attitudes and practices as well as to economic efficiency, productivity, and stability. The family farm continues to be one of the most productive agricultural units in the world.

However, the viability of the family farm is being eroded by powerful domestic and international social forces. These factors include the rising cost of farm production due to energy cartels, erratic markets resulting from political crises, the increase in

non-family corporate farming, inflation, lack of capitalization, farm consolidation, high start-up costs for new entry farmers, tax laws, and absentee ownership.

These trends must be reversed if the common good is to be served by family-type farming, that system which has produced abundance at affordable prices within a sense of community where important human benefits arise.

2. *Land Use.* Each year in the United States, over one million acres of prime farmlands are taken out of production. They are lost to highways, airports, reservoirs, strip-mining, power plants, factories, housing developments, and other uses. This represents a half-mile wide strip of land from New York to California. The predictable result is lower production of food and fiber and rising food prices. Immediate effects are felt on the ecological system. Why use prime farmland when land of less worth to agriculture is available for these other purposes?

The exploitation of land without thought to the effect on future generations is incompatible with the biblical understanding of the stewardship of creation. Our attention and advocacy must be in the following areas of concern: the encouragement of reforestation programs; the inclusion of farmland protection as part of a comprehensive growth management program; the control of toxic waste disposal so as to avoid the poisoning of the land and aquifers; monitoring the use of eminent domain for land acquisitions; the use of appropriate and sustainable technology at home and abroad to enhance the land for future generations; the conservation and protection of our parks and wildernesses from exploitation; the support of treaty rights of Native Americans to land and water; and the monitoring of lending policies of federal and state agencies which have the effect of concentrating land ownership into fewer hands.

As Christians we participate in a covenant relationship with God and creation as stewards of the land, and we call for just and sustainable patterns of land use so that present and future generations may enjoy nature, be fed, and be renewed in their lives.

3. *The Quality of Rural Life.* The census of 1980 reveals rapid change in the towns and communities of rural America. While overall U.S. population grew 11.4 percent, rural and small-town America grew 15.8 percent during the 1970's. New industrial development, changing priorities in lifestyles, urban spillover, and the migration of older people to the country account in part for this increased growth. Out of the past and recent changes, some urgent issues emerge concerning the quality of life in rural areas.

a. *Income and Poverty.* In 1950, the median income of rural residents was two-thirds that of city dwellers. Governmental programs (mostly transfer payments) and overall economic development helped to close the income gap in the next two decades. By 1973 rural income had reached 80 percent of urban income. Since then, there has been some slippage, and rural income is about 78 percent of urban. Contrary to popular belief, the cost of living is rising faster in rural America than in urban areas.

Today some 34 million Americans live in poverty (as defined by government criteria). While this number is down from the high of 40 million in 1959, more people are living in poverty in the mid-1980's than in 1965. Poverty is disproportionately rural. Although only 26 percent of the total U.S. population lives outside urban areas, some 40 percent of the 34 million poor live in rural America. Within the Black rural population, 71 percent of the children living in families headed by women are poor.

b. *Employment.* While farming is vital to rural America, it is no longer the primary source of employment. Only 10 percent of all rural residents are directly involved in agriculture. Agriculture creates other jobs by its demand for production inputs (seeds, energy, pesticides, machinery, household goods, etc.). Even then, there has been a steady decline in the number of agricultural counties (20 percent of income from agriculture). In 1950 there were 2,000 such counties in the United States; in 1980, only 680. During the 1970's, employment increased in nearly all sectors of the rural economy—manufacturing, retail, government, and human services. The exception was a decline in agricultural employment. Sixty percent of all farm families have off-farm employment and income.

Still, job opportunities are hard to find in rural America. Hourly wages tend to be low. In 28 percent of the poor families in rural areas, the head of the household works full time. Unemployment is higher than in urban areas, and the number of those holding part-time jobs because they can't find full employment is higher.

c. *Education.* Public education policies tend to ignore the unique features of rural life. Schools tend to be smaller; budgets are strained because of a smaller tax base; fewer courses are offered; they have fewer supplemental resources; and less is spent per pupil. In vocational education, where improvement would affect job opportunities and new plant location, rural counties receive $14.80 per capita; urban counties receive $44.80 (203 percent difference). Of those persons 25 years of age and older, 11.5 percent more urban persons graduate from high

school than do rural persons. Formulas for federal and state aid to education should be based on a fairness doctrine (equality) rather than to some ratio related to present inputs from the local community. This simply institutionalizes the budgetary problems that already exist in some counties and school districts.

d. *Health Services.* Rural Americans have difficulty obtaining health services. Physicians prefer to practice in the cities, closer to research facilities and more fully equipped hospitals. The numbers of physicians, dentists, and registered nurses per 10,000 resident population for urban areas are 19.3, 6.0, and 38.0 respectively; for rural areas, the numbers are 8.0, 3.7, and 27 respectively. Infant mortality rates are higher in the rural areas. Also, rural citizens are not as well covered with medical insurance as are urban dwellers. The basic problem centers in the fact that sparsely populated areas do not create the necessary economic base for adequate medical services. It is necessary to integrate these services within a larger medical care system which will include cooperative efforts with urban areas. Church-related medical schools could contribute to rural health by influencing a new generation of physicians to practice family medicine in towns and the countryside.

e. *Housing.* Rural housing starts slowed significantly during the early 1980s' economic recession just as increasing rural population was putting pressure on available housing. The rural and town sector has one-third of the nation's population but over one-half of the nation's substandard housing. There is great need for weatherization in order to control energy costs and to promote the health of families. The elderly, ethnic minorities, and migrant workers are the most vulnerable to the scarcity of adequate housing.

f. *Justice and Legal Services.* Sparsely spread populations do not create an adequate tax base for budgets that attract trained law enforcement officials and judges. Legal services tend to concentrate in the large and small cities. Public interest law practices offering legal aid to rural communities have lost government funding in recent years. The pursuit of justice and law enforcement is often inadequate in the rural United States.

g. *Water Resources.* There is a present and growing crisis in water resources in rural America. The quality of water resources is closely related to land use. In order to control the quality of water recharged into the nation's aquifers, it is necessary to control the use of the land above it. Since aquifers do not observe state boundaries, no political unit has developed a coherent public policy protecting the quality of water resources. Ground water use has grown from 21 billion gallons per day to 82 billion gallons

in 1975, and it is projected to reach 100 billion gallons by the year 2000. A recent study revealed that 2,830 wells in 20 states have been contaminated in recent years from the leaching of toxic wastes. Adequate monitoring systems are not in place. The growing demand for water for irrigation, mining, industrial use, recreation, and home use requires a national policy for protecting water resources and for their fair allocation.

h. *Transportation.* The last two decades have seen a steady decline in transportation modes available to town and country people. Some areas have no rail service, bus service, nor air service at all. Yet many of the rural poor own no family vehicle and many of the elderly have no license to drive. This decline has also made it more difficult for farmers to move their produce to market.

Rail and bus systems can reach into our rural communities and be a valuable transportation source for rural people, a source that is energy efficient. It is essential that a national transportation policy be developed that takes into account the needs and rights of those in the town and country to have access to transportation for themselves and transport for their products.

i. *Rural Women.* Historically, women play a significant role in the development of rural communities and the agricultural economy. They continue to do so on farms, in the professions, in schools and factories, in government, in the home, and throughout the social structure of rural America.

There are more than 34 million women in rural America. Rural women, like non-rural women, suffer from inadequacies and inequities in the economic and political system. Sexual discrimination is experienced in the job market, before the law, and in social services. Distances, isolation, and lack of visibility constitute the social context out of which many problems arise. The lack of public transportation to needed medical and other services intensifies the problem. Isolation and loneliness may lead to depression. The economic vulnerability of the family farm may result in marital strain and discord and, in some cases, domestic violence. Incest is often associated with isolation. Many rural women are single heads of households, but child-care for working mothers is almost non-existent. At retirement, farm women do not receive social security benefits comparable to those received by their husbands, even after performing a lifetime of comparable work. Laws regulating a widow's inheritance of farm assets are changing, but equitable solutions must continue to be sought.

Among the poor, particularly ethnic minorities, the problems of women are intensified. The efforts of rural women to receive

justice are severely handicapped by the lack of adequate data describing social conditions and problems in rural settings.

j. *The Rural Elderly.* People 65 years old and older account for 11 percent of the total population. In a major belt of predominantly rural counties running through the midwest and extending down into Texas, 16 percent of the population is 65 or older. The 1970s saw a rapid increase in immigration of older persons from urban to rural America.

Poverty is more commonplace among older people in rural areas than in the cities. About 20 percent of the rural elderly are poor, compared to 12 percent of the elderly in urban areas. Nearly 25 percent of the rural women 65 years old and older live in poverty. For older Black women, the percentage is almost twice as high. Among older women in rural areas living alone, 82 percent are poor.

This change in population mix is placing strain upon health services and voluntary agencies which attempt to cope with the needs for jobs, companionship, transportation, homemaking, and food.

V. The Call to the People of The United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church urges its congregations and annual conferences, rural and urban, to:

1. Engage in careful study and the practice of prayer in order to deepen our understanding and motivation for the caring of creation.

2. Strengthen small and moderate-sized family farms by affirming resident land ownership, monitoring private and government lending policies to farmers, and disposing of church-owned lands in a way that demonstrates a continuing stewardship of the land.

3. Influence community decision-makers to introduce improvements in the delivery of social services that increase the quality of life in rural areas.

4. Seek solutions to the special problems of rural ethnic people so as to assure their access to land ownership. (Special attention is required for the treaty rights of Native Americans and the rights of Blacks in their land claims.)

5. Remember with thanksgiving the contribution of farm workers to our food supply; affirm the ministry of the churches among seasonal and migrant farm workers; and continue support for the organizing efforts of farm workers into unions of their own choosing.

6. Cooperate with each other in lay and clergy exchanges; develop comprehensive equitable salary plans; and plan adequate

ministries for small membership churches and cooperative parishes.

The United Methodist Church directs all its boards and agencies to:

1. Develop appropriate programs which educate on the interrelatedness of urban and rural interests.

2. Engage in ministries to rural America which will aid in resolving the issues outlined in this resolution.

3. Devote their best scholarship to a theology of the land.

4. Redress the unjust imbalance in the distribution of funds between rural and urban ministries.

The United Methodist Church calls upon its leaders and pastors to:

1. Undertake cooperative and ecumenical models of ministry to rural America, including adequate orientation and training of pastors serving rural churches.

2. Discover and utilize all available resources for community renewal programs aimed at the improvement of rural life.

VI. The Call to United States Social and Economic Institutions. The United Methodist Church:

1. Calls upon farmers, agribusiness, and other corporations to be responsible stewards of the earth and to find sustainable ways of sharing the benefits of food, fiber, and energy with poor and hungry people in this country and around the world.

2. Urges agribusiness to recognize the rights of farm workers to organize into unions of their own choosing, receive adequate wages and benefits, and be protected from occupational hazards.

3. Encourages land-grant colleges to develop technologies and services appropriate for the small and moderate-sized family farm. (Special attention is needed for the protection of seed genetic variability so as to avoid the hazards of inbreeding.)

4. Urges urban social institutions to become more aware of the interrelatedness of interests and welfare between rural and urban America.

5. Encourages social institutions to be sensitive to the need and the values involved in local participation in planning and development of community based projects and services.

6. Urges farmers to give primary use of the land to the production of food and fiber rather than for non-essential products which are injurious to the nation's health (tobacco and beverage alcohol).

VII. The Call to Federal, State, and Local Governments. The United Methodist Church calls upon the U.S. federal, state and local governments, and their appropriate agencies to:

1. Make grants and low-interest farm loans available to small and moderate-sized family farms for the preservation of farmland to encourage labor-intensive agricultural production.

2. Restructure investment and tax policies to promote small and moderate-sized family farm operations; discourage growth in large corporate and corporately controlled farms; and minimize foreign investment in farmland.

3. Promote farm ownership and management by Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and other ethnic minority persons.

4. Establish procedures and programs to ensure small and moderate-size family farmers fair and equitable return on labor and products.

5. Develop land use and land reclamation policies, undergirded by adequate funding, to preserve productive farmlands, on local option or county option basis.

6. Expand the amount of funding and program resources available to rural schools and educational institutions administered on a local or state basis.

7. Support health care programs that provide for the medical needs of rural people.

8. Provide financial assistance and training to rural law enforcement officials and rural legal service agencies.

9. Expand energy efficient mass transportation programs in rural areas.

10. Upgrade housing programs in rural areas.

11. Respect the guaranteed land and water rights of all minority peoples.

12. Develop a national water and energy policy which assures participation of local residents in decisions about rural and agricultural resources.

13. Recognize and protect the right of farm workers to organize into unions of their own choosing, be covered by minimum wage laws, receive adequate benefits, including Social Security.

14. Redirect comprehensive employment and training programs to also meet the needs of rural unemployed persons.

15. Increase funding for food and nutrition programs in rural areas.

16. Expand programs that serve the needs of rural elderly.

17. Fund and conduct research and extension designed to increase production of food wherever it is needed.

All of the above governmental actions must be accomplished through processes that include all persons residing in the rural areas that will be affected by such decisions.

Report No. 51

Petitions: CS1662, CS1461, CS1839, CS1475
Subject: Rural and Agricultural Issues
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 840, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 50.

Report No. 52

Petitions: CS1618
Subject: Process for 1988 Statement on Agricultural Issues
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 64; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 841, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.
The committee recommends adoption of the following statement:

WHEREAS, agriculture is a basic industry of our society;

WHEREAS, agriculture in the United States is diverse;

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church is composed of a constituency that represents all the segments of United States agriculture;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any future statement by The United Methodist Church concerning United States of America agricultural issues for the 1988 General Conference use various existing networks to dialogue with persons at the grass-roots level.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a writing team for the 1988 position concerning The United Methodist Church and United States of America agricultural issues involve a staff person from the General Board of Church and Society; Office of Town and Country Ministries, General Board of Global Ministries; an active United Methodist agriculture producer from each jurisdiction; and a board member from both the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process begin early enough that the first draft of the resolution on agricultural issues be distributed to various persons and groups at the grass-roots level for their reaction.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this statement be

referred to the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society for implementation.

Report No. 53

Petitions: CS1850
Subject: General Board of Church and Society
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 80; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 842, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.
The committee recommends adoption of the following revision:

¶ 1201. Name—*In keeping with the historic concerns of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church.* There shall be a General Board of Church and Society in The United Methodist Church **as an expression of the mission of the Church.**

Report No. 54

Petitions: CS1851
Subject: Purpose, Objectives and Responsibilities
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 80; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 843, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.
The committee recommends adoption of the following revisions:

a) Renumber ¶ 1202 as ¶ 1205.

b) Renumber present ¶ 1203 as new ¶ 1202 and amend as follows:

¶ *1203* ¶ **1202.** Purpose.—The purpose of the board shall be to relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of the church and to the persons and structures of the communities and world in which they live. It shall seek to bring the whole **of human** life, *of man and woman their* **including all** activities, possessions and community and world relationships, into conformity with the will of God. It shall show the members of the church and the society that the reconciliation which God effected through Christ involves personal, social and civic righteousness.

c) Renumber ¶ *1204* as ¶ **1203.**

d) Renumber ¶ *1205* as ¶ **1204.**

Report No. 55

Petitions: CS1860
Subject: Organization
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 111; Present 80; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 844, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends the following revisions:

¶ 1206. Organization—The **General** Board of Church and Society shall be composed according to the instructions defined for all program boards in ¶ 802-*804* **812** of the General Provisions.

Report No. 56

Petitions: CS1861

Subject: Officers

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 80; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 845, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends concurrence on the following revision:

¶ 1208. Officers.—The board shall elect *a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer who will serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee, and* such *other* officers as it may determine in **accordance with the General Provisions.**

Report No. 57

Petitions: CS1866

Subject: General, Associate and Assistant General Secretaries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 80; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 846, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends concurrence on the following revision:

Retitle ¶ 1214 as follows:

¶ 1214. *General, Associate, and Assistant General Secretaries.* **Staff.**

Add the following new section to ¶ 1214:

¶ 1214.4. **All other staff are to be appointed in a manner prescribed by the board and in keeping with the affirmative action policies of the general church and the board.**

Report No. 58

Petitions: CS1867

Subject: Headquarters

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 80; for 76; Against 0; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 847, Referred to General Board of Church and Society May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.

The committee recommends concurrence with the following revision:

¶ 1215. Headquarters.—The headquarters location shall be determined by the General Council on Ministries. A United Nations Office shall be conducted in cooperation with the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries **through which The United Methodist Church shall maintain relationships with the United Nations and its specialized agencies.**

Report No. 59

Petitions: CS1868, CS1858, CS1852, CS1857, CS1630, CS1862, CS1855, CS1865, CS1638, CS1853

Subject: Structure and Functions

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 51; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 848, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 60

Petitions: CS1848

Subject: Conference Board of Church and Society

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 849, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 495.

The committee recommends the following revisions:

¶ 719.1. The Annual Conference shall organize a **Board of Church and Society or an equivalent structure which** *provide for the connectional relationship between the General Board of Church and Society and the conference, district and local church,* shall provide for church and society **responsibilities** *functions* related to the **purpose,** objectives and *scope of work* **responsibilities** of the General Board of Church and Society, as set forth in ¶ *1205-1206* **1203-1205.**

Delete ¶ 719.2 which reads as follows:

The Annual Conference shall determine the necessity for a conference Board of Church and Society to include as exofficio member the mission coordinator for Christian social involvement of the conference United Methodist Women. Should the conference determine not to create such a board, it shall be the responsibility of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries to provide for the connectional relationship between the general board and conference, district, and local church organizations.

In its place insert a new Par. 719.2 as follows:

¶ 719.2. **The Conference Board of Church and Society or equivalent structure shall be composed of those persons as determined by the Annual Conference, including as ex-officio member the mission coordinator for Christian social involvement of the conference United Methodist Women. Guidelines for inclusiveness in the membership shall be followed.**

¶ 719.3. The conference board, in cooperation with the general board and the annual conference Council on Ministries, shall develop and promote programs on *Christian social concerns* **church and society** within the bounds of the conference. To this end it may divide its membership into *three* committees of approximately equal size, patterned after the *divisions* **issues departments** of the general board, **inclusive of the areas of political and human rights, human welfare, environmental justice and survival, peace and world order, and social and economic justice.** *They* **Committees of the board** shall have responsibilities to cooperate with one another to advance the **respective and mutual** concerns of their respective divisions **in social education, service, witness and action.**

¶ *719.4.* Renumber as **719.5.**

¶ *719.5.* Renumber as **719.6.**

¶ 719.4. The conference board of church and society shall serve to connect the general board and the district and local churches in relating the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of the church and to the persons and structures of the communities, nation and world in which they live. Program shall be developed which provides education and action on issues confronting the Church consistent with the Social Principles and the policies adopted by the General Conference.

Report No. 61

Petitions: CS1849

Subject: District Director of Church and Society

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 71; Against 4; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 850, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.

The committee recommends the following revision:

¶ 738. The district superintendent, after consultation with the conference board *may* **shall** appoint a district director of church and society. Also, if *desirable* **desired,** a district may create a District Committee on Church and Society of **laymen, lay women,** *laypersons and ministers,* **and clergy** *to work with the*

district superintendent to further the purposes of the conference board. **The director and such a committee shall work with the District Council on Ministries and serve as the connecting link between the conference and General Board of Church and Society and the local church.** The **mission** coordinator *of the area of* **for** Christian social involvement of the district United Methodist Women shall be an ex-officio member **of a district committee.**

Report No. 62

Petitions: CS1600
Subject: Human Hunger
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 57; For 54; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1141, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 462.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Human Hunger

I. Introduction. At the Last Judgment, the question is asked, "When did we see thee hungry and feed thee?" (Matt. 25:37, RSV). The answer follows, "As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40, RSV). St. Paul, interpreting the new ethic of the Kingdom, instructed the early church to satisfy the hunger and thirst of enemies (Rom. 12:20, RSV).

From the earliest times, the Christian community, in response to these teachings, has expressed compassion and care for those in need. In recent years this has been expressed in the giving of millions of dollars for direct food distribution. More systemically, the church has deployed agricultural missionaries, supported demonstration farming and development programs, challenged unjust social and economic systems which condemn people to poverty, and witnessed for just public food policies at state and federal levels.

In the last decade, scant progress has been made in meeting the food needs of the hungry on a continuing basis. Too often, the attention span of church leaders and those who follow is curtailed by institutional interests and program fads. Our involvement as the owners of lands and buildings, our identification with social, economic, and political establishments, and our approval of those values which limit productive and distributive justice work together to limit our ministries "to the least of these."

II. The Situation. Interest generated by the World Food Conference (Rome, 1974) led to research which has resulted in a better understanding of the world food situation. The Food and

Agricultural Organization of the United Nations has produced many studies and continues to monitor the status of world food production and distribution. The International Foundation for Development Alternatives, the Brandt Commission, and the Presidential (U.S.) Commission on World Hunger issued reports and recommendations for achieving world food security.

From a global perspective there is enough food to feed the present world population, at least at minimal levels. The extra food needed to provide adequate diets for the malnourished of the world is not large in relative terms. The deficit in calories is equivalent to about 37 million tons of grain per year—one-fiftieth of the world's grain production and less than 10 percent of the grain fed to livestock in the rich nations. Even within most countries, food supplies would in general be adequate if they were evenly distributed. People are hungry, not because there is no food available, but because they are unable to buy.

In the early 1980's, by a conservative estimate, one billion persons are undernourished. Approximately one-half of this number is chronically undernourished, representing one-ninth of the earth's population. It is estimated that 40 percent of these are children. These malnourished persons are found mainly in a group of 45 developing nations that were most seriously affected by the economic and food crises of the 1970's plus the world-wide recession of the 1980's.

Even in the United States, with its enormous productive and distributive capacity, the progress in eliminating hunger in the 1970's has been stalemated. Indeed, those living in poverty have increased in numbers. This is especially true of families where the primary earner is a woman. The gross number of persons living in poverty in 1983 was larger than in 1965, the beginning of the war on poverty. From 1978 to 1982, there was an increase of 9.9 million persons living in poverty in the United States, an increase of 40 percent.

World population is increasing by approximately 77 million per year. Although the increase in world food output continues to exceed world population growth and food consumption patterns, the shortfall in grain production in the developing countries by 1990 will be on the order of 100 to 140 million tons per year. Currently, one-half of the African countries are producing less food than is being consumed and are net importers.

III. Causes of the World Food Crisis. The fact that one-ninth of the earth's population is chronically malnourished (70 percent fewer calories than necessary for health) has both precipitating causes and much deeper systemic causes.

A. *Precipitating Causes.* Among the many precipitating causes, three stand out: the weather, political decisions, and economic recession.

During the early 1970's an erratic weather pattern developed in a wide band across the tropics bringing with it drought. Scenes of starvation were televised to a world audience. More normal weather patterns returned and a few good crop years followed. However, drought struck again in the early 1980's affecting the countries of sub-Sahara Africa, parts of Europe, Asia, Oceania, and some of the richest grain growing areas of the United States. In the 1970's six nations were affected in Africa; in the 1980's 18 countries were especially hard hit.

Some of the political decisions most deleterious to food production and prices center in the management of surplus grain held by the rich countries. In an attempt in 1983 to lower production and decrease the amount of grain in storage, U.S. farmers were paid in grain to reduce acreage planting. By happenstance, this was accompanied by a drought in many areas of the midwest. At the same time, a decision was made to sell nine to 12 million tons of grain annually for the next five years to the Soviet Union. Grain prices responded sharply in the futures markets, raising the price of grain to the importing developing nations.

The world economic recession of the early 1980's seriously affected the ability of developing nations to meet the problem of undernourishment. Their balance of trade was seriously affected. The recession depressed commodity prices, lowered demand, restricted access to markets, and promoted protectionist policies. The world index of commodity prices for developing countries dropped as much as 30 percent. The result was lessened income of international currencies for the purchase of foodstuffs.

B. *Systemic Causes.* Beyond the immediate causes of malnourishment lie more fundamental structural constraints of which hunger and poverty are but symptoms.

1. Unjust economic systems, a legacy of colonialism. Almost without exception, the poor countries were at one time colonies of imperial powers. Colonialism developed them primarily for the export of raw materials, mainly mining products and agricultural crops (coffee, tea, sugar, rubber, cocoa, etc.). To achieve this the colonial powers restructured traditional social and legal customs, land distribution and tenure, food production, political power, regional and international economic relations, and the economy. The colonial system depended upon depressed wages and local elites. Two economic sectors resided side by side, unintegrated: the traditional (subsistence farming and artisanal products) and

the modern (export enclave). These unintegrated models of development continue to exist, and more of the malnourished are related to the traditional sector. Military regimes and wealthy elites continue to cooperate with foreign powers in resisting the structural changes required for full development, justice, and the sharing of power.

2. Insufficient food production in developing nations. A principal result from colonial policies has been the insufficient development of food production in many lower income countries. This distortion occurs through market forces and tax policies which encourage the cultivation of a single crop for export rather than the balanced production of food for domestic use. For example, Africa's food problem is virtually continent wide and has been chronic for 20 years. Per capita food production, which declined by 7 percent from 1960 to 1970, declined by 15 percent from 1970 to 1980. Even then, when food production is insufficient for a healthy diet, African nations have experienced a sharp increase in their annual production of agricultural goods (coffee, tea, cocoa, flowers, etc.) for export to the rich nations. The urgent need for land and credit reform is ignored. A higher priority is given to industrial development, tourism, and military needs than to agriculture. In addition, urban unrest is often controlled through a public policy of cheap food, a disincentive for agricultural development.

3. Population Growth. Since the late 1960's, world population growth has declined from 2.4 percent per year to 2.0 percent. At that rate, the present world population of 4.7 billion will double in 35 years. The largest rate of increase will be in the less developed countries which will add 1.4 billion population by the year 2000. This increase is occurring in those countries which have a negative rate of growth in terms of per capita food production.

Rapid population growth and inadequate food supply have a common origin and a joint explanation. They both are symptoms of structural poverty—those economic and political frameworks in which poor people exist. The experience is worldwide. Wherever poverty gives way to a rising standard of living, the birth-rate declines. Wherever the security of the family increases, the birth-rate declines. Such family security depends on social and economic development which is based on the values of justice and shared power.

4. Maldevelopment in the rich nations. While inadequate and unbalanced development exists in the low-income countries, acute maldevelopment exists in the rich nations. This maldevelopment is characterized by growing militarism, waste of resources by the production of unnecessary goods and services,

degradation of the environment, increasing structural unemployment, inflation, institutionalized consumerism, recession, persistence of poverty, rising nationalism, and a crisis in values especially felt in the lives of the young.

In 1980, the rich nations with 24 percent of the earth's population consumed 79 percent of the world's goods and services leaving 21 percent for the developing nations with 76 percent of the population. In public health expenditures, the rich nations consumed 92 percent of the goods and services; the developing nations received 8 percent. A policy of more of the same cannot lead from poverty to health and nourishment. Without radical change, the structural distortions will continue their toll on the human family.

IV. Theological Bases for Hope. As Christians, the central question we must ask ourselves in this situation is: What does God require and enable us individually and corporately to do? Some of our central affirmations of faith provide at least a partial answer.

God is Creator of all, and loves and cares for all Creation. Because every person is a creature loved of God, every person has a basic human right to food, a necessity for survival. Because all persons are creatures of God, equally subject to God's grace and claim, all are bound together in inseparable ties of solidarity. It is the task of God's people to show solidarity in support of adequate provision for basic human needs such as food.

In the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the promise and first fruits of redemption have been brought to our sinful and selfish humanity. Jesus' own concern for human need in his ministry is a model for the church's concern. His opposition to those who would ignore the needs of the neighbor makes clear that we grossly misunderstand and fail to grasp God's grace if we imagine that God overlooks, condones, or easily tolerates our indifference to the plight of our neighbors, our greed and selfishness, or our systems of injustice and oppression.

As Holy Spirit, God is at work in history today, refashioning lives, tearing down unjust structures, restoring community, engendering faith, hope, and love. It is the work of the Holy Spirit which impels us to take action even when perfect solutions are not apparent. Thus, we engage in the struggle for bread and justice for all in the confidence that God goes before us and that God's cause will prevail.

V. Goals for Action by Christians. In faithfulness to our understanding of God's good intentions for all peoples, we can set for ourselves no lesser goals than the abolition of hunger from the

earth. Movement toward that ultimate goal requires commitment to such immediate and instrumental goals as the following:

A. The transformation of persons and institutions which create and perpetuate strongholds of power and privilege for some at the expense of many, into new personal, social, economic and political environments which are more conducive to justice, liberation, self-development, a stabilized population, and a sustainable environment.

B. The development and implementation of agricultural and other policies which: 1) provide incentives to farmers to produce abundantly, using appropriate technology, those crops needed to feed themselves, their communities and the world's population; 2) protect farmers from the harsh economic consequences which market-oriented economies frequently visit upon producers of abundance; 3) move agricultural practices toward greater harmony with the diverse and fragile eco-systems of the planet; 4) enable all nations to become self-sufficient in the production or securing of food; and 5) support plant improvement through traditional breeding and genetic engineering to ensure that genetic variability remains the common heritage of future generations.

C. The simplification of lifestyles in developed nations, one more congruent with the solidarity of humankind and the limitations of the world's resources.

D. The establishment of urgently needed "interim" measures and long-term distributive systems which, recognizing the unique status of food as a commodity essential for survival, assure to every human being access to food as a matter of right.

With such goals in mind, we turn to the more specific responsibilities of Christians and Christian institutions.

VI. Responsibilities of Christians and Christian Institutions. A. We call upon all Christians and other persons of humanitarian concern to join in a renewed commitment to the task of eliminating hunger from the earth. To this end we call for:

1. Re-examination and simplification of personal and family lifestyles with special attention to ways of reducing consumption and the waste of food and other limited resources.

2. Sensitivity to the existence of hunger in our own immediate communities and participation in efforts to correct the conditions which perpetuate that hunger.

3. Increased sharing of our resources with the hungry world through support of church-related and other agencies dedicated to emergency feeding, to agricultural and human development, for example, UMCOR, Advance Specials for National and World Hunger, and to the transformation of unjust systems.

4. Joining with concerned persons in local community, area, and national covenant fellowships dedicated to increasing awareness and sensitivity about the problem of hunger; mutual commitments to lifestyle simplification; relevant action in specific situations of hunger locally and around the world; and participation in the political processes necessary to influence public policy in directions indicated in later sections of this statement.

5. Developing networks to influence public policy and engage in advocacy for direct food aid and more just social and economic systems which would lift persons from poverty, for example, in the U.S., Bread For the World, IMPACT and Interfaith Action for Economic Justice.

B. In addition, we call upon United Methodist churches, boards and agencies to re-examine their respective institutional lifestyles. Included in such review should be church policies and practices in the following crucial areas:

1. The widespread ownership by churches and church institutions of potentially arable land. Could much of this land be utilized for food production, for agricultural demonstration purposes, or made available to the landless poor for farming?

2. The church's use of its own economic power. Substantial portions of church-owned investments are in food-related industries and in transnational corporations dealing in food and/or food production supplies and equipment. Have the holders of these church investments been sufficiently inquisitive and critical about the policies and practices of such companies in the use of corporate funds and power?

3. The style of church response to hunger appeals. With all respect for the compassionate response by the churches to emergency food needs, are the churches responding adequately to the longer-run issues of agricultural development, population stabilization, institutional reform, economic justice, human empowerment, and public food policy?

VII. Recommended Public Policies. In economic terms, food is a commodity, but it is a unique commodity. Food is the basic necessity of human existence. One of the greatest needs of our time is the development by the world's sovereign states of a mutually-shared world food policy.

The United States, as a leading agricultural producer and trader in farm commodities, has a crucial role to play in the implementation of a sound and effective world food policy design. If the United States is responsibly to perform that vital international role, it will require a much more coherent and humane national food policy. We call upon the governments of all nations, and especially the United States Congress and Adminis-

tration, to move promptly and vigorously to develop, adopt and implement national food policies which will include among their major components the following objectives:

A. For the Transformation of Institutions. 1. ***The goal of eliminating hunger.*** The United States government should follow through on the major recommendation of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger (1980) and make the elimination of world hunger the primary focus of its relationships with the developing world. Because the United States has a special capacity, it has a special responsibility to take the initiative in the campaign against hunger and malnutrition.

2. ***Increased aid for social and economic development.*** The developed nations should increase their response to the requests of developing countries for technical assistance and other forms of aid appropriate to their social and economic development needs. Aid is not only a small fraction of the gross national product of the developed countries, it is a declining fraction: from 0.52 percent in 1960 to 0.37 percent in 1980. The United Nations suggested a goal of 0.7 percent of GNP from the donor nations; the U.S., for example, responded with 0.27 percent, a decrease of 15 percent over the previous decade. This development assistance should be allocated increasingly through international and voluntary agencies and coordinated with the efforts of international institutions. Governments of developing nations should examine their countries' role in assuring a just production and distribution of food among the world's hungry.

3. ***Justice for small farmers, tenants, and farm laborers.*** Studies conducted in the 1970's indicate that the small farmer is more productive than the large farmer and makes more efficient use of resources, especially labor. This encouraged the World Bank to develop a new strategy for rural development, the central element being increased production by millions of small farmers.

Although the reform of oppressive systems of landholding, tenancy, and farm labor are difficult, the United States should encourage in every legitimate way the transformation of agrarian structures in the interest of justice for the small farmers, tenants, and farm labor.

4. ***Family planning and population stabilization.*** The developed nations should contribute to the stabilization of the world's population through development programs which reach the poorest and raise their standards of living. They should also support the efforts of developing countries and international agencies in their programs of family planning and population stabilization. To be effective, these programs must include more

than direct techniques and incentives for limiting births. More importantly, they must provide programs to improve job opportunity and income security; reduce infant mortality; upgrade maternal and child health; advance basic education, especially for women; elevate the status of women; and improve the quality of life for the poor and the oppressed.

5. ***Liberalization of international trade.*** The United States should take the initiative in support of international efforts to create price-stabilizing commodity agreements. While trade is necessary, developing nations should produce primarily for domestic needs. Especially is this true for food. Expanding world trade and minimizing protectionism would increase growth, development, and employment in the total world economy. Developing countries could well examine the possibility of creating producers' associations and common procurement relationships.

6. ***Arms limitation.*** In those years which almost match the 1984-88 quadrennium of The United Methodist Church, the United States government is projecting a military budget of $1.5 trillion. In total, the world military budget is $600 billion per year. Thirty-two nations spend more for military purposes than for education and health services combined. If these trend lines continue, by the year 2000 national governments will have spent $15 trillion on military budgets. In the last decade, international contributions for aid and development in the lower income countries declined as a percent of gross national product. Morality demands an end to this frantic spending. We call on all governments, especially the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, to reduce their military expenditures, curtail their sales of arms, and press vigorously for international treaties for arms control and reduction. Vast funds could thus be released to eradicate hunger and malnutrition through social and economic development wherever needed.

7. ***Development of international germplasm repositories.*** Aside from nuclear war, there is probably no more serious environmental threat than the continued decay of the genetic variability of crops. Once the process has passed a certain point, humanity will have permanently lost the coevolutionary race with crop pests and diseases and will no longer be able to adapt crops to climate change. Plant species are becoming extinct at the average rate of one per day, and may well reach an average of one per hour by the year 2000. Worldwide plant expeditions to document the remaining plant species are needed. Once located, the preservation of plants in their indigenous areas, primarily tropical regions of developing nations, is essential to the sustainability of the food producing capability of the planet earth.

8. ***Multinational corporations.*** Three major study commissions have found that effective national laws and international codes in such areas as technology sharing, restrictive business practices, tax policy, and labor standards are needed to provide a framework in which multinational corporations could contribute better to development. Technical assistance should be provided to the poorest countries to improve their bargaining capacity with multinational corporations. The developed nations should support United Nations efforts to prescribe standards for multinational cooperation investments.

B. For the Increase of Food Production. ***1. Self-reliant agriculture.*** There will be a growing demand for food before populations stabilize. Also, it is predictable that emergency food supplies will be needed for the victims of drought, flood, disease, pestilence, earthquakes, and the variation in food production due to changes in weather patterns. Emergencies aside, most countries have the potental for meeting their full food needs. Many experts believe that an annual increase in food production of 3.5 to 4.0 percent is possible. This could be done by expanding and improving land resources, increasing yields through irrigation, use of fertilizers, and improved seeds, the use of non-conventional energy sources, and research. Studies indicate that in many instances yields could be tripled. The findings are that a sustainable source of food supply can best be developed locally, and self-reliance in agriculture should be the goal of aid. The cost would be about 7 percent of what is being spent annually on world armaments. The result would be a giant step toward world security and the banishment of malnutrition from the earth.

Until then, there will be a continued need for the food rich countries to support the international agencies (government and voluntary) for distributing food to those hungry persons who cannot meet their food needs in world markets. Food should not be used by any nation as a bargaining tool for political purposes.

2. Increased production and better use of fertilizer. The early 1980's marked the first decline in world fertilizer use since World War II. There was a 15 percent drop in Latin America. The average use of fertilizer in kilograms per hectare of land in Africa is 5 kilograms; in the United States it is 80 kilograms; in Japan it is 400 kilograms. One-half of the fertilizer used in the developing countries is on non-food crops. Since fertilizer is probably the most important physical input for raising yields, international programs for encouraging and underwriting its use should be developed. Natural fertilizers are an alternative. Over 103 million tons of organic waste are produced each year in the developing

countries. The nutrient content is eight times all of the inorganic fertilizer currently being used. Such non-conventional sources of nutrients could make a major contribution to increased food supplies.

3. Expansion of agricultural research. Scientific research and technology appropriate to conditions in the developing countries are essential to the expansion of their food production. About 98 percent of world expenditures on research and development occurs in the rich nations. This raises the question of the proper role of governments, voluntary organizations, and multinational corporations in the transfer of knowledge and technology. To the maximum extent possible, this form of assistance should be deployed through international institutions and those of developing countries. There is a need for research to be done on-site in the developing countries. Research is needed on such basic things as use of organic wastes as fertilizer, intercropping, improvement of acid soils, development of plants requiring less water and fertilizers, development of nitrogen fixing capability in non-legumaneous plants, irrigation, efficient water use, and others. The United Nations has found that the investment return on such research over a 10-year period may be as high as 40 to 60 percent per year. More support for plant breeding at public institutions is needed in order to maintain public control of plant improvement.

4. Irrigation. Expanded irrigation has great potential for increasing crop yields. Irrigated lands represent only about 14 percent of land under cultivation worldwide, yet they produce (in value) almost as much food as non-irrigated land. The United Nations is emphasizing the improvement of existing systems. Expansion through the use of tubewells is financially feasible in some countries. This is an area where voluntary agencies could concentrate efforts and receive a rapid return on efforts to develop innovative small-scale uses of wind, solar, and bio-gas for irrigation.

5. Protection of the environment. Attempts to solve the interrelated problems of food supply, population growth, and poverty raise the question of the further degradation of the environment. The key factor in the prevention of further degradation is the pattern of development. If the developing countries follow the pattern introduced by the rich nations, a greater maldevelopment will follow. This is not necessary. An adequate standard of living can be achieved in the less developed countries through an egalitarian strategy which stresses a broader distribution of the land, labor intensive agriculture on the best lands, and the introduction of appropriate technologies. Such growth would lead to a greater care of the land, less

pressure on marginal land where desertification occurs, employment opportunities and a stablization of the population. All governments and voluntary agencies should encourage programs which keep food production practices in harmony with ecosystems. Funding for agricultural conservation practices, technical assistance, and plant gene banks should be expanded.

C. For Changing Patterns of Consumption by the Affluent. Malnutrition exists in the rich countries alongside the diseases associated with overeating. In the U.S., for example, long food lines at the voluntary agencies testified to the increase in domestic hunger during the early 1980's. Public policy changes resulted in removing three million children from food programs. The general welfare calls for public programs which ensure an adequate diet for all citizens, especially the young and the elderly. A greater control of waste and a more careful use of food resources by the affluent would generate savings that could be reflected in public policies of food aid. In addition, the general health of the nation would improve along with decreased medical costs.

D. For Meeting Immediate Needs. The difference in food production and consumption in the developing countries is made up by trade and aid. By 1990, the developing countries will need to import over 100 million tons of grain annually. Some of this will be in the form of aid. Efforts have been strengthened by the work of the United Nations in developing an early warning system for identifying food emergencies. Also, the World Food Convention makes a major contribution toward these efforts. What is needed is a system of international grain reserves which will even out the uncertainty associated with variations in crop year yields. Attention should be given to assisting less developed countries in establishing their own reserves. Food aid allocation should be based on need and without regard to political or ideological considerations through the planned channels of international agencies such as the World Food Program.

VIII. Conclusion. We call upon all nations, but particularly the developed nations, to examine those values, attitudes, and institutions which are the basic causes of poverty and underdevelopment, the primary sources of world and domestic hunger.

We specifically call for The United Methodist Church to:

1. Engage in an educational effort that would provide information about the scale of world and domestic hunger and its causes.

2. Challenge colleges and universities with matching grants to engage in research designed to increase food production in developing countries.

3. Develop TV and radio spots for national and regional broadcasts that depict the joy of sharing in overcoming world hunger.

4. Send delegates to the World Food Assembly of 1984.

5. Lead in influencing public policy to establish international germ plasm repositories.

6. Engage in study and effort to integrate the church's missional programs into a coherent policy with respect to just, sustainable, and participatory development.

7. Finally, as delegates to the 1984 General Conference we resolve and covenant with each other to do the following: (a) on the second Sunday of each month calculate the cost to us of the main meal of the day and use an equivalent amount of cash to help feed the hungry; (b) encourage all other United Methodists and all other Christians to make the same covenant.

Report No. 63

Petitions: CS1757
Subject: World Hunger
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 64; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1142, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee proposes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 64

Petitions: CS1669, CS1717
Subject: International Grain Market
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 63; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 1;
Calendar No. 1143, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
We recommend that the content of these petitions, regarding monitoring of the international grain market, be referred to the General Board of Church and Society for further study and action during the 1985-88 quadrennium.

Report No. 65

Petitions: CS1686
Subject: Ethnic Minorities in Town and Country Churches
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1144, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 66

Petitions: CS1823
Subject: Space Settlements
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1145, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 67

Petitions: CS1768
Subject: Use of Term "Act of God"
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1146, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 68

Petitions: CS1706
Subject: Increase Legal Drinking Age to 21
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 66; For 53; Against 10; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1147, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 495.
We recommend that the following statement be added to the end of section II of the resolution on "Drug and Alcohol Concerns" in the 1980 edition of *The Book of Resolutions:*

9. We urge all United Methodist churches in the United States to work for a minimum legal drinking age of 21 years in their respective states.

Report No. 69

Petitions: CS1460
Subject: Alcohol as a Health Problem
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 70; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1148, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

"In Western society alcohol is killing people faster than the deadliest wars of all history. Alcohol causes 60 percent of teenage deaths and 50 percent of all highway deaths."[1] Of the 6 million

[1] Drescher, J.M. "Alcohol: A Witness Against Itself," in *Ministry*, March, 1982.

known alcoholics in the United States, 350,000 will be buried before the year is out. In contrast, Vietnam killed 5,000 yearly.

Alcohol is the number one drug problem of American youth. Evidence suggests that problem drinkers start drinking at a younger age than others, which may increase the potential for developing alcoholism later. There are 3.3 million young people under the age of 18 who are alcoholics, or serious problem drinkers. One of every 10 social drinkers will become a problem drinker, or an alcoholic. Besides all the obvious physical and psychological damage, even to the unborn, the "known" cost to the nation is $43 billion a year due to absenteeism, health and welfare services, property damage, and medical expense.

WHEREAS in our country 65 percent of the murders, 40 percent of assaults, 35 percent of rapes, 30 percent of other sex crimes, 30 percent of suicides, 55 percent of assaults in the home, and 60 percent of the cases of child abuse are attributed to the use of alcohol; and

WHEREAS alcohol is a major cause of family breakup in our culture; and

WHEREAS according to the National Council on Alcoholism, Inc., alcoholism is the most neglected health problem in the United States and ranks with cancer and heart disease as a major threat to the nation's health;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 1984 General Conference direct the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Discipleship to affirm in an intentional way and with renewed zeal "the support of abstinence from alcohol as a faithful witness to God's liberating and redeeming love for persons" and also as stated in the *Discipline* (¶ 72-I) "support educational programs encouraging abstinence from such use" by doing the following:

a. Develop materials for use in The United Methodist Church, reflecting in their content our support for abstinence, as stated in the *Discipline*.

b. Assist the local churches with materials and guidelines in the establishment of counseling services and self-help groups for members of the church and community who are alcoholics or problem drinkers and their families.

c. Make available materials for use in the local church in programming educational seminars concerning alcohol-related problems.

d. Emphasize annually the need for education and consciousness-raising in the area of alcohol-related problems through the conference, district and/or local structures of Church and Society and Discipleship.

e. Educate members about ways in which they can support current groups already organized by their concern for alcohol-related problems, such as MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), National Federation of Drug-free Youth, American Council on Alcohol Problems, et al., and legislation that seeks to deal with the problem.

f. Report to the 1988 General Conference their efforts to implement this resolution.

g. Give special attention to promoting a lifestyle on college campuses that encourages "wellness" without alcohol.

Report No. 70

Petitions: CS1593
Subject: Environmental Stewardship
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 64; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 7. (Note: Vote printed as reported by committee.—*Editor*)
Calendar No. 1149, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 462.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Environmental Stewardship

I. A Theology of Stewardship and the Environment. Many of today's "environmental problems" have their roots in humanity's short-sighted use of God's creation. While focusing on the stewardship of monetary resources, we forget that the source of all wealth is God's gracious creation.

In the Bible, a steward is one given responsibility for what belongs to another. The Greek word we translate as steward is *oikonomos*, one who cares for the household or acts as its trustee. The word *oikos*, meaning household, is used to describe the world as God's household. Christians, then, are to be stewards of the whole household (creation) of God. *Oikonomia*, "stewardship," is also the root of our word "economics." *Oikos*, moreover, is the root for our modern word, "ecology." Thus in a broad sense, stewardship, economics, and ecology are, and should be, related. Indeed, a "faithful and wise steward" (Luke 12:42) must relate them.

The Old Testament relates the concepts in the vision of *shalom*. Often translated "peace," the broader meaning of *shalom* is wholeness. In the Old Testament, *shalom* is used to characterize the wholeness of a faithful life lived in relationship to God. *Shalom* is best understood when we experience wholeness and harmony as human beings with God, with others, and with creation itself. The task of the steward is to seek *shalom*.

Stewards of God's Creation. The concept of stewardship is first introduced in the creation story. In Genesis 1:26, the Bible affirms that every person is created in God's image. But this gift brings with it a unique responsibility. Being created in God's image brings with it the responsibility to care for God's creation. God chose to give human beings a divine image not so we would exploit creation to our own ends, but so we would be recognized as stewards of God. To have dominion over the earth is a trusteeship; a sign that God cares for creation and has entrusted it to our stewardship. Our stewardship of all the world's resources is always accountable to God who loves the whole of creation and who desires that it exist in *shalom.* The intention of creation was that all should experience *shalom,* to know the goodness of creation. In the Old Testament, "fulness of life" means having enough, sufficient, to experience the goodness of creation. By contrast, our age has come to define "fullness of life" as more than enough. The desire of many for excess begins to deny enough for others, and *shalom* is broken. That all should participate in creation's goodness is a fundamental of stewardship.

Another theme of *shalom* is that in creation we are all related. Humans are not self-sufficient. We need God, others, nature. The story of the garden (Genesis 2) attempts to picture the complete and harmonious interrelatedness of all creation. There is *shalom* only when we recognize that interrelatedness and care for the whole. When we violate the rules of the garden, we are dismissed. In ecological terms, when we violate the principles of ecology, we suffer environmental damage.

As the story of the garden shows, God's intention of *shalom* was not carried out. Sin intervened, and the *shalom* was broken. But God offered a way to restore *shalom*—redemption. And as God's stewards we have a role in that redemption. Stewardship, then, is to become involved wherever wholeness is lacking and to work in harmony with God's saving activity to reconcile, to reunite, to heal, to make whole. Stewardship has to do with how we bring all of the resources at our disposal into efficient use in our participation in the saving activity of God. Environmental stewardship is one part of our work as God's stewards. As stewards of the natural environment we are called to preserve and restore the very air, water, and land on which life depends. Moreover, we are called to see that all persons have a sufficient share of the resources of nature. The environmental crises that face us need not exist. With new hope rooted in Christ and with more obedient living as stewards of the earth, the creation can be healed.

II. United Methodist Historical Concerns. Since the beginnings of the Methodist movement, there has been a concern with what we today call "environmental concerns." Wesley's emphasis on "cleanliness" came as he observed a land of open sewers, impure water, unplanned cities, and smoke-filled air. In the mines and mills, squalor and filth were everywhere, as was disease. The substantial decline in the death rate in England from 1700 to 1801 can be traced to improvements in environment, sanitation, and a wider knowledge of concepts of basic health such as those advocated by Wesley.

The first Social Creed, adopted by the 1908 General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church (North) focused on the environmental and health hazards facing workers.

As the problems of soil erosion and dwindling reserves of natural resources became more obvious, General Conferences in the '40's, '50's, and '60's called for the development of programs stressing careful stewardship of the soil and conservation of natural resources. In 1968, a United Methodist Church concerned with continuing pollution of the environment insisted that community rights take precedence over property rights and that "no individual should be permitted to degrade the environment . . . for the sake . . . of profit."

In the mid 1980's, the environmental problems of the world are no less acute than they were in the 1960's and 1970's. While some parts of the industrialized world have less pollution of some sorts, polluting factories have been relocated to the industrializing nations. Hazardous chemicals have been banned in one nation, while their use increases in another. In the United States, children have been poisoned by toxic wastes under their schools; in Central America children have been poisoned when the fields they have worked in have been sprayed with pesticides banned in other countries.

Sometimes our solutions create new problems. Some thought higher smokestacks would help disperse air pollutants; instead we have more acid rain. Herbicides, used in "no till" agriculture, while helping to control soil erosion, have begun to pollute aquifers. The environmental problems of the next few decades will require more effort and more initiative to solve than the problems of the past.

The Christian Church should actively support programs to implement principles which will safeguard the environment. Some of the areas we now recognize as key are: responsible use of resources, toxic and hazardous substances, air quality, pesticide use, use of wild and agricultural lands, water quality, the military

and the environment, and the impact of new technologies on the environment.

III. Principles for Christian Stewardship of the Environment. *A. Responsible Use of Natural Resources.* We support measures which will lead to a more careful and efficient use of the resources of the natural world. We encourage programs which will recycle solid materials of all sorts—paper, glass, metals, plastics, etc. We urge United Methodists to participate actively in community recycling programs and urge the establishment of such programs in communities without these programs.

B. Toxic and Hazardous Substances. We advocate that governments devote sufficient monetary and human resources to assessing the extent of possible toxic and hazardous waste disposal problems within their jurisdictions. We believe that the entity or entities responsible for the problem should pay the costs related to the site's cleanup and for any health damages caused by the improper or inadequate disposal of such substances. We call upon those agencies responsible for enforcing existing laws to adopt a more aggressive strategy in responding to violators. We support strong penalties for those convicted of illegal disposal of hazardous and toxic materials. We oppose the practice of exporting materials banned in one nation for use in another nation. We advocate that all parties with information on the health effects of a potentially toxic or hazardous substance make these data available to users of the substance. We support the right of those groups that would be affected by a nuclear, toxic, or hazardous material waste repository to be involved actively in all decisions to locate such repositories in their neighborhoods or jurisdictions. Finally, in order to preclude serious environmental threats to the world population, we urge a discontinuation of the dumping of nuclear waste at sea and support the monitoring of waste disposal of a toxic nature in the soil.

C. Clean Air. We believe all persons have the right to breathe clean air. Where the air quality is now poor, steps should be taken to improve its quality including the elimination of toxic pollutants, the limiting of pollutants from cars, trucks and buses, the clean-up of smokestack emissions. Where the air is now good, every effort should be made to maintain such good air quality. We advocate the adoption and strict enforcement of adequate standards to control indoor air pollutants, including toxic substances and tobacco smoke. Special attention should be given to such long-range air quality problems as the depletion of the ozone layer, the heating of the atmosphere, and acid rain. We support international and bilateral efforts to eliminate the cause of such long-term problems.

D. Chemical Use. Many chemicals are used for agricultural purposes. These include pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. These are required to maximize yields in feeding a hungry world, but their use may be detrimental to the crops or to the environment if improperly selected and/or applied. We recommend the concept of integrated pest management (IPM), natural control systems, and crop rotation. We urge that greater restrictions be placed on the export of restricted agricultural chemicals from the United States and that the U.S. development agencies encourage the use of agricultural techniques which rely less heavily on agricultural chemical use.

A wide variety of chemicals is used for the processing and preservation of food products. There is growing suspicion, and some scientifically confirmed knowledge that some of these chemicals are harmful to animals and humans. We recommend that continual aggressive investigation and study be made on the long range effect of these chemicals by industry, consumer groups, and governmental agencies. We urge policies that retard the indiscriminate use of chemicals, including those used for growing, processing, and preserving food.

E. Land Use. All agricultural productivity relies on our careful stewardship of a few inches of topsoil. We encourage economic and farming practices which conserve and promote the improvement of topsoil. We urge that governments provide farmers with incentives for more careful management of this precious resource.

Just as the best farm land is lost through erosion, so too is it lost when it is used for purposes other than farming (e.g., highways, reservoirs, housing, industrial uses, and surface mining). Likewise, land that has become poisoned with salt through poor irrigation practices or with pesticides, may become less productive as an agricultural resource. We urge that the careful maintenance of the productivity of the land be the central goal of all management of agricultural lands. We urge governments to preserve the most productive soils for agricultural purposes. Careful management of agricultural lands can help discourage the so-called "reclamation" of forests, wetlands, and wild areas. These areas are valuable in their own right and should be preserved for the contribution they make to ecological balance, wildlife production, water and air quality, and the human spirit.

F. The Diversity of Life. We believe that the wondrous diversity of nature is a key part of God's plan for creation. Therefore, we oppose measures which would eliminate diversity in plant and animal varieties, eliminate species, or destroy

habitats critical to the survival of endangered species or varieties.

G. Water. We live on what has aptly been called the "Water Planet." More than 70 percent of the surface of the earth is covered with water; yet only a small part of that water can be used for drinking, industrial and agricultural purposes. Our careless use of water in the past means that it will cost more in the future. Decisions over how to allocate increasingly costly supplies of pure water for drinking, industry and agriculture will be among the most contentious resource policy questions of the next decades. We urge that steps be taken by all concerned parties to ensure more careful management and preservation of existing groundwater sources. We support the right of native peoples to the first use of waters on their lands. We urge that industrial, municipal, agricultural and individual consumers of water find ways to use more efficiently the water we now have. We believe that conservation of an area's existing water supplies, not costly transfers of water from basin to basin or other large-scale projects, usually offers the most efficient and environmentally sound source of new water. Finally, we believe that all persons have a right to a sufficient supply of high quality water free from toxic chemical or pathogenic impurities.

H. Impact of Technology. We urge that the ethical and environmental effects of new technologies be fully examined before these technologies are used on a widespread basis. We acknowledge the constantly imperfect state of our knowledge of the effects of our creations and urge the development of those technologies most in accord with God's plan of wholeness for all creation.

I. The Military and the Environment. We oppose the military's imperious claim to our planet's resources and their willingness to risk massive environmental contamination through accidental or intentional release of nerve gas, preparation for biological warfare, or continued testing and possible use of nuclear weapons for the sake of claimed offensive and defensive needs.

We also oppose the production of nuclear weapons and the resultant production of tremendous amounts of nuclear waste that endangers the environment.

IV. Involvement. We urge all United Methodists to examine their roles as stewards of God's earth and to study, discuss and work to implement this resolution.

Report No. 71

Petitions: CS1592

Subject: Energy and the U.S. Federal Budget

Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 111; Present 65; For 62; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1150, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Energy and the U.S. Federal Budget

Energy, the capacity for doing work, is essential for all life. Early humans relied on draft animals, water wheels, the wind, or fire to augment the energy of the human body. Much of humanity's progress in industry, farming and technology has resulted from effective harnessing of energy sources.

Humans of the twentieth century rely heavily on fossil fuels—coal, natural gas, and oil—to do their work. These fossil fuels are created in geologic time frames, whereas they are being consumed in human time frame. Even though new deposits have been, and are being discovered, their ultimate extent is finite and they are being consumed at a prodigious rate. As these fuels become more scarce and more expensive, some persons have promoted nuclear power as an answer to our energy needs. Others, seeking replacement for the diminishing supply of fossil fuels, promote renewable sources of energy such as wind power, solar power, and the energy trapped in plants. Conservation of energy can be considered yet another source of energy because as we use energy more efficiently, the energy supplies we have can go further in meeting our needs.

All these sources of energy have their drawbacks. Three key questions in evaluating how or whether we should use an energy source are: 1) What does it really cost? 2) Who will pay the cost? and 3) Who decides what to buy?

Jesus said: "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish' " (Luke 14:28-30 RSV).

What are the real costs of the energy system in the modern world? Have we counted the cost of this system? Did we even know the costs before we began to build it? A short time ago we did not know that burning coal might cause acid rain. We did not know how difficult it would be to dispose properly of nuclear waste. We did not know what species we might lose as we dammed rivers. We did not know how to count all the costs of our energy system.

What costs should the Christian consider in evaluating an energy system? The economist considers the costs that society has given a monetary value. The engineer considers whether we have the necessary technological skills. A Christian assessment of an energy system must consider more than its technical and economic feasibility. The 1980 General Conference of The United Methodist Church urged that United Methodists measure energy policy decisions against two key values: justice and sustainability.

On justice, it noted:

> Energy policies which Christians can support, then will seek to actualize the multifaceted biblical vision of justice. They will be policies which close rather than widen the gap dividing wealth and poverty, rich nations and poor. They will be measures which liberate rather than oppress. They will be programs which distribute fairly the benefits, burdens, and hazards of energy production and consumption, taking into consideration those not yet born as well as the living. They will thus be strategies which give priority to meeting basic human needs, such as air, water, food, clothing and shelter.

On sustainability:

> In terms of energy policy, sustainability means energy use which will not (a) deplete the earth's resources in such a way that our descendants will not be able to continue human society at the level which is adequate for a good quality of life, and (b) pollute the environment to such an extent that human life cannot be sustained in the future.

Another key value is participation. As all persons are of equal value in the eyes of God, the church must support structures of decision-making that ensure the widest possible participation by those who are affected by energy decisions regardless of their position in society. In particular, the church must give voice to the needs and interests of those who otherwise might be voiceless in the decision-making process.

Because these values of justice, sustainability and participation often cannot be assigned monetary values, they have not always been considered in energy policy decisions. Indeed, economists have coined a special term for such concerns—externalities. These externalities in economic analysis, however, must remain central to a Christian analysis. This is not to say that we support energy policies which are not feasible on economic or technical grounds, but rather that the following concerns are crucial:

1) Who is to benefit from the policy?

2) What effects will the policy have on God's present and future

creation?

3) Who participates in the decision?

Renewable Energy and Conservation. The General Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1980 urged that conservation and renewable energy receive the greatest effort of national governments. Since 1980, the efforts of the U.S. government have shifted away from renewables and conservation. In its submission of its fiscal year 1984 budget, the Department of Energy (DOE) proposed (for the third year in a row) to realign the department's budget in favor of nuclear energy programs. Under its recurring proposals, major programs in energy conservation, solar energy, and fossil fuels would be eliminated. Its 1984 proposal called for nuclear energy programs to receive 84 percent of its energy technologies budget. In contrast, energy conservation programs received only 4 percent, solar and renewables 5 percent, and fossil energy 7 percent.

Even though Congress moderated the administration's proposals, the portion of the DOE energy technologies budget devoted to nuclear energy has increased annually from 39 percent in 1981; to 54 percent in 1982; to 62 percent in 1983. At the same time the budget for conservation and renewables declined from 39 percent of energy technologies' research and development funds in 1981; to 26 percent in 1982; and to 25 percent in 1983. Clearly, these budgets do not reflect our concern that the "greatest national effort should be made in the areas of conservation and renewable energy resources."

There are dramatic cost/utilization tradeoffs that have been evidenced during the past fifteen years. Humankind can and must continue to reduce its unnecessary consumption of the limited energy sources. However, purely economic means to limit consumption places unbearable financial burden on the poor.

Energy and the Poor. The 1980 General Conference recommended: "We must support an energy program which will not increase the financial burden on the poor, the elderly, and those with fixed incomes." For poor Americans, the energy crisis continues. In 1983 poor households spent about one-quarter of their incomes on energy (four times the average for middle-income households). A study conducted for the National Consumer Law Center in 1983 found that since 1979 the increase in energy costs for low-income households has been greater in absolute dollars than the increase for other U.S. households. One major reason for this difference is that poor people generally live in substandard housing and lose much of their heat through uninsulated walls and roofs, leaky doors and windows.

Ironically, the low-income weatherization program, started in 1976 to weatherize the homes of 14 million eligible poor families, has seen its funds sharply reduced from its peak level ($400 million annually) in the fall of 1980. By the end of 1982, only one million homes had been weatherized. At current levels of funding ($245 million in 1983), the remaining 13 million units will not be weatherized for 50 years!

Various studies show that low-income households have lost at least $5 billion a year in purchasing power due to increased energy prices. When the federal government decontrolled oil prices in 1980, the joint U.S. House of Representatives-Senate Report on the Crude Oil Windfall Profits Tax Act called for 25 percent of the anticipated tax receipts to be used for low-income energy assistance. Actual appropriations to the federal low-income energy assistance program (which gives cash payments to utilities to help pay low-income families' bills) have fallen $1 to $2 billion short of that figure very year. The program's appropriation for 1983 was $1.975 billion, a level far below the funding needed to reach the 20 million households that the Department of Health and Human Services estimates are eligible for the program. Each year since 1980 the program has provided funds to only 30 to 35 percent of eligible households and then paid only an average of about $200 annually per household. Significant impact has already been experienced by persons and churches through dramatic increases in natural gas prices during the 1980's.

The U.S national energy program, contrary to the recommended policies of the 1980 General Conference, has increased the financial burden of energy prices on the poor. The two principal federal programs to help the poor with their high energy bills—the weatherization program and the energy assistance program—have been funded at levels so low they reach only a fraction of the eligible population.

Nuclear Weapons Programs vs. Civilian Energy Programs. In fiscal year 1983 nuclear weapons programs comprised some 53 percent of the Department of Energy budget, a 77 percent increase since 1981. All civilian energy programs were reduced to only 33 percent of the total DOE budget. The funds for the increase in the military portion of the DOE budget since 1982 have been taken mostly from non-nuclear research and development programs such as conservation and renewables.

Concurrent with the increasing militarization of the DOE budget, the Administration (1980-84) urged that spent fuel from civilian nuclear reactors be reprocessed into plutonium for military uses. The Administration (1980-84) also urged Congress to approve sales of enriched uranium or nuclear technology to

countries which have not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. At least two nations to which we might export such materials—China and India—have already developed and tested nuclear weapons.

Recommendations.

1. We reaffirm the eight recommendations of the 1980 General Conference on energy policy.

2. We urge all general agencies of The United Methodist Church to assess their use of energy and to establish a goal of reducing their energy use by 20 percent by 1988 as measured in kilowatt hours, British Thermal Units, or gallons of oil. Agencies should report annually their energy consumption to the General Council on Finance and Administration so a cumulative report may be made to the 1988 General Conference. Annual conferences and local churches are urged to adopt similar energy consumption measures.

3. We encourage each United Methodist minister and layperson to carefully consider and implement techniques to minimize the consumption of all energy resources under his/her personal control.

4. We call upon the Congress of the United States to increase funding of conservation, solar, and renewable energy programs to a level at least equal to its funding of nuclear and fossil fuel programs.

5. We call upon the Congress of the United States to increase funding of low-income weatherization to the level needed to complete the weatherization of all remaining units within 10 years. We further urge that the low-income energy assistance program be made an entitlement program so that all eligible persons might receive energy assistance each year.

6. We oppose the increasing militarization of the Department of Energy and recommend elimination of its nuclear weapons budget. We also oppose any proposals to reprocess civilian nuclear wastes for military uses and oppose the export of enriched uranium and nuclear technologies by the U.S. government, U.S. companies, or their overseas branches to nations which have not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

7. We recommend a) this resolution; b) the 1980 General Conference Resolution on "Energy Policy"; c) Section X, "Energy," of the 1976 General Conference Resolution on Human Relations; and d) the National Council of Churches' Resolution on "The Ethical Implications of Energy Production and Use" to local churches and individual United Methodists for study and implementation.

Report No. 72

Petitions: CS1573
Subject: Amend Social Creed
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 51; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1151, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends that ¶ 76, "The Social Creed," be revised by adding the words in the sixth paragraph, following "throughout the world" **to freedom for all peoples.** The paragraph then will read: We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, **to freedom for all peoples,** and to the rule of justice and law among nations.

Report No. 73

Petitions: CS1802, CS1776, CS1578, CS1577, CS1576, CS1575, CS1574, CS1560, CS1539, CS1573, CS1854
Subject: Social Creed and Social Principles
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 51; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1152, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 72.

Report No. 74

Petitions: CS1608
Subject: General Board of Church and Society Report
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 82; For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 1153, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends referral of the General Board of Church and Society report to the General Board of Church and Society during the 1985-1988 quadrennium.
(Editor's note: The material to which this recommendation relates was the Quadrennial Report of the General Board of Church and Society. It was printed in the Advance Edition of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate,* pages I3-I8.)

Report No. 75

Petitions: CS1188
Subject: Curb Alcohol Advertising
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 74; For 65; Against 9; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1154, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 495.

The committee recommends addition of the following statement to Item 5 of section II of the resolution on "Drug and Alcohol Concerns" in the 1980 edition of *The Book of Resolutions:*

Working toward this end, we urge the Board of Church and Society and local churches to increase efforts to remove all advertising of alcoholic beverages from television (as was done with cigarette advertising). We urge special attention to curbing promotions on use of alcoholic beverages on college campuses.

Report No. 76

Petitions: CS1589

Subject: Dependent Care

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1155, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.

The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Dependent Care

The Problem. Almost all families at one time or another need assistance from persons outside the immediate family structure. Increasing numbers of families require some degree of help in the day-to-day care of family members who, because of age or disability, need constant supervision. With a growing number of women entering the paid labor force and with the increased mobility of families away from communities where elderly parents and relatives reside, more and more families need some kind of supportive care.

1. Need for a Safe Environment for Children. Children are often victims at an age when they should be developing trust and confidence in persons and in life itself. Children determine neither what food they will eat nor who will care for them in the absence of parents. Adults make these and other life-affecting decisions for them.

The church has a special responsibility to children and their families to demonstrate concern for and responsiveness to human need. The Christian faith proclaims that children are to be valued not as potential adults but as persons in their own right—persons deserving of dignity, joy, and a protected environment. Because of their vulnerability, children need defenders and guardians, both within the family circle and in the larger extended family of the community. They must be protected from prejudices that

may victimize them because of their racial, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds.

In many communities are large numbers of latchkey children—children who are unsupervised during parts of the day or night because their parents are at work and no one is available to care for them. Unfortunately these children are often victimized by persons who prey on the unprotected. To avert potential problems, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the 4-H community clubs have initiated a nationwide program to teach latchkey children various techniques for survival and self-protection. But these children also need to have someone reach out to them, sharing love, care, and security.

2. Need for Long-term Dependent Care. The ability of families to remain intact is severely strained when a child, a spouse, or an older relative is disabled and needs constant health-monitoring or supervised care. Families often need help with these situations in the form of in-home health care or custodial care. In many cases, a small amount of assistance could enable these families to function well and maintain healthy relationships with minimal stress. But without aid, stress related to these circumstances can result in divorce, separation, or institutionalization of loved ones—eventualities neither wanted nor necessary.

The need for long-term dependent care frequently arises from several trends in modern society. Among them, the increased mobility of persons worldwide and the movement from rural to urban areas often result in the isolation of family units from their network of relatives. Older relatives then find themselves separated by long distances from other family members.

Too, the need of many families to rely on the cash economy has moved more women—traditionally the care-givers for family members with long-term needs—into the paid work force, rendering them no longer available to provide free care. Recent statistics show that in the United States:

- Eighty percent of home health care is provided by female relatives whose average age is 55. Fifty-four percent of these care-givers are also in the paid work force.
- Two-thirds of the women in the paid work force are either sole providers or have husbands who earn less than $15,000.
- Forty-six percent of all preschool children and 46 percent of all school-age children have mothers in the paid workforce.

A myriad of problems—ranging from inadequate facilities to the high cost of securing persons who can provide care—is placing an unnecessary strain on many modern families who have limited resources and nowhere to turn for help.

The Call. The Christian faith mandates us to recognize and respond to the value of each human person. Our task as the church is to minister to the needs of all persons and to insure for them a caring community where all may be nurtured in a dignified and loving manner. This mandate is to be seen not as a burden, but rather as an opportunity. We are called to participate in the creative, redemptive work of God. Jesus, who provides our example, said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

Christians who take their commission seriously will accept the challenge to become responsive to the needs of families for external support systems. God has given each person an element of sacredness by the very nature of having been born into the world. This blessing carries the need for a commitment by families, church, and community to help enable persons to live life in the fullness that Jesus proclaimed.

We have answered the call in the past by building hospitals, homes for the elderly, and institutional settings for children who need them. This has been done on a worldwide basis. Now we must take seriously the opportunity to create and support responsive systems of child care and long-term care for those persons who are elderly or who have handicapping conditions (in independent living situations or within family settings).

The Task. In matters of public concern, the church has a responsibility to make its voice heard. Since dependent care (such as child day care, senior day care, home health care, in-home aides for persons with mental or physical handicaps) is important to the present and future well-being of various segments of our society, the church's position on the system of dependent care delivery constitutes an appropriate public policy concern. The role of dependent care in its various forms should be seen as a support system for families. Such services enable rather than usurp the traditional role of families.

A national survey of church-based child care discovered that in the United States, churches are the major providers of out-of-home child care. These child care workers listed as a priority task the provision of care that benefits the emotional, social, and learning needs of children. Within this context, persons sponsoring or overseeing church-based programs and churches with special ministries to families have a responsibility to be involved in policy discussions on the form and function of dependent care.

It becomes the obligation of churches to urge and promote coherent, inclusive, and equitable policies that affect families. There is a temptation to separate dependent care from the various programs designed to support and aid families in their life in the church and community, but it must be recognized that most families, at some time or another, rely on formal or informal support systems relative to the care of children, the elderly, or persons with handicapping conditions.

As it approaches public advocacy for dependent care, the church must be guided by the variety of forms of its ministry. The church must acknowledge the importance and implement the provision of affordable and high-quality family support systems that are equitably distributed to those who need them.

Toward this end, the church on all levels is called to advocate the following policies:

1. Public policies that enhance the availability of dependent care in its varied forms to meet the needs of families by providing

a. adequate financial aid (such as private foundation grants, tax credits, tax reimbursement, sliding fees) to allow families to care for loved ones at home rather than having these persons institutionalized when that option is not desired, needed, or economically possible.

b. sufficient information on the availability of dependent care services as well as on methods of evaluating the care provided.

2. Church policies and ministries that enhance the spiritual and psychological needs of families who care for dependent members.

3. Community services that help families/individuals who are under psychological and psycho-social pressures resulting from the responsibilties of caring for dependent family members.

Report No. 77

Petitions: CS1605

Subject: Ministry to Runaway Children

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1156, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.

The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Ministry to Runaway Children

The United Methodist Church calls its members to follow Jesus Christ in his mission to bring all persons into a community of love. The Social Principles uphold the potential of the community for nurturing human beings into the fullness of their humanity

through its basic unit, the family. We as United Methodists acknowledge children as beings to whom adults and society in general have obligations; the rights to food, shelter, clothing, health care, and emotional well-being. We also recognize youth and young adults as those who frequently find full participation in society difficult.

The United Methodist Church, having accepted its commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world within the context of hope and expectation, deplores the fact that in this nation one million children are reported missing every year, that countless thousands are forced out or "thrown-away," and that homicide is one of the five leading causes of death among children between the ages of one and 17. We recognize the prevalence of physical, sexual or emotional abuse as the underlying cause for almost half of the behaviors classified as running away.

Running away is not unique to any social class. The average age for runaways is dropping and the majority are girls. We are alarmed that a whole new category of children known as street children are living degrading and dangerous lives in the streets of our towns and cities.

We believe these runaways should neither be a police problem nor processed through the legal system, where they are usually incarcerated rather than protected, and adjudicated rather than enlightened. Most such youths require temporary shelter and supervision instead of secure detention.

We commend those congregations and annual conferences already engaged in outreach to runaway youth, providing food, shelter, and protection from personal exploitation as well as referral to sources of help. We feel that the runaway crisis offers a further opportunity to help families when they want and are receptive to such help. Therefore, we support immediate crisis intervention and counseling for youth and their families with the primary objective of returning the youth to his/her home. When there is no possibility of it becoming a healthy environment, we support the development of alternate living arrangements that provide a nurturing environment.

We further urge that United Methodist agencies join in efforts to develop innovative ministries of support and protection for street children who would not usually come to a runaway shelter.

We encourage local church efforts toward prevention by programming to strengthen and support families within their congregations. We call Christians everywhere into service wherever God and a loving heart may call them; into the schools where poor school performance is often the precipitating crisis to running; into their own neighborhoods and community where

there are countless opportunities to help troubled youth; into supporting programs in the community which deal compassionately with abusing parents.

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me' " (Matthew 25:40).

Report No. 78

Petitions: CS1778
Subject: Prevention and Reduction of Juvenile Delinquency
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 70; For 35; Against 32; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1157, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 468.
The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

WHEREAS the abhorrent ills of our society (child abuse and neglect, teenage pregnancy, suicide, venereal diseases, drug and alcohol abuse) that relentlessly assail children have a profound effect on the quality of their lives, and without proper intervention, are often manifested in destructive behavior within the school setting;

WHEREAS these debilitating effects often become cyclical, appearing in generations after generations, and result in the loss to society of fully functioning and competent adults;

WHEREAS our school systems emphasize remediation at the secondary level to prevent delinquency;

BE IT RESOLVED that all United Methodists work through the appropriate structures and channels to provide guidance counseling at the elementary level of all schools in prevention of delinquency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that United Methodist pastors are encouraged to develop cooperative relationships with persons doing such counseling.

Report No. 79

Petitions: CS1797
Subject: Statement on Rural Problems
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 81; For 73; Against 8; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1158, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 495.
The committee recommends referral of the following resolution to the General Board of Church and Society:

WHEREAS, isolation of rural families from each other and from public services is a contributing factor in abuse, neglect, and

domestic violence; and public transporation, as well as private transportation, often is limited in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, rural families tend to rely on themselves for problem solving and to consider what goes on in the family as private, and local law enforcement officials often are unable to be effective in dealing with abuse, neglect and domestic violence; and, further

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church asserts the dignity and worth of all persons, as well as the importance of individuals being morally responsible for the treatment of others; and

WHEREAS, there is need for a resource document to be used by churches, pastors, and family members in rural areas which will address the seriousness of this issue and suggest methods which will help local churches and individual Christians to respond to the abuse of domestic violence and to move toward its prevention;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Conference direct the General Board of Church and Society to develop a statement which will give special attention to the issues of domestic violence in rural America and that such document shall be available to the church as soon as possible, but no later than the General Conference of 1988.

Report No. 80

Petitions: CS1614
Subject: The United Methodist Church and Peace
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
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The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution as a revision of one by the same title appearing in the 1980 *Book of Resolutions.*

The United Methodist Church and Peace

"Peace is not simply the absence of war, a nuclear stalemate or combination of uneasy cease-fires. It is that emerging dynamic reality envisioned by prophets where spears and swords give way to implements of peace (Isaiah 2:1-4); where historic antagonists dwell together in trust (Isaiah 11:4-11); and where righteousness and justice prevail. There will be no peace with justice until unselfish and informed love is structured into political process and international arrangements" (Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples).

The mission of Jesus Christ and his Church is to serve all peoples regardless of their government, ideology, place of

residence, or status. Surely the welfare of humanity is more important in God's sight than the power or even the continued existence of any state. Therefore, the church is called to look beyond human boundaries of nation, race, class, sex, political ideology, or economic theory, and to proclaim the demands of social righteousness essential to peace.

The following are interrelated areas which must be dealt with concurrently in a quest for lasting peace in a world community.

I. Disarmament. One hard fact must be stated bluntly: the arms race goes on, the momentum of the race never slackens, and the danger of a holocaust is imminent. Meanwhile, millions starve, development stagnates, and international cooperation is threatened. Increasingly sophisticated weapons systems accelerate arms spending and heighten anxieties without adding to the security of the nations. Again and again, regional tensions grow, conflicts erupt, and great powers intervene to advance or protect their interests without regard to international law or human rights.

True priorities in national budgeting are distorted by present expenditures on weapons. Because of fear of unemployment, desire for profits, and contributions to the national balance of payments, the arms industry engenders great political power. Arms-producing nations seek to create markets, then vie with one another to become champion among the arms merchants of the world. Food, health, social services, jobs, and educations are vital to the welfare of nations. Yet the availability of all of these is constantly threatened because of the overriding priority given by governments to what is called "defense."

If humanity is to move out of this period of futility and constant peril, the search for new weapons systems must be halted through comprehensive international agreements. Moreover, disarmament negotiations should include all nations in substantial armaments systems. The vast stockpiles of nuclear bombs and conventional weapons must be dismantled under international supervision, and the resources being used for arms must be diverted to programs designed to affirm life rather than destroy it. Serious consideration should be given by nations to unilateral initiative which might stimulate the reaching of international agreement.

World public opinion justly condemns the use of chemical or biological weapons. Governments must renounce use of these particularly inhumane weapons as part of their national policy.

Where nations in a specific region band together to bar nuclear weapons from the area as encouraged by the international community, we commend such constructive agreements and urge other countries, particularly the great powers, to respect them.

We affirm peoples' movements directed to abolition of the tools of war. Governments must not impede public debate on this issue of universal concern.

The goal of world disarmament, demanding a radical reordering of priorities and coupled with an effective system of international peacemaking, must be kept constantly before peoples and governments by the church.

II. Democracy and Freedom. Millions of people still live under oppressive rule and various forms of exploitation. Millions more live under deplorable conditions of racial, sexual, and class discrimination. In many countries many persons, including Christians, are suffering repression, imprisonment, and torture, as a result of their efforts to speak truth to those in power.

Action by governments to encourage liberation and economic justice is essential but must be supported by parallel action on the part of private citizens and institutions, including the churches, if peaceful measures are to succeed. Unless the prevailing oppression and denial of basic human rights are ended, violence on an increasing scale will erupt in many nations, and may spread throughout the world. The human toll in such conflict could be enormous and could result in new oppression and further dehumanization.

We are concerned for areas where oppression and discrimination take place, and specifically for Namibia and South Africa, where white minorities continue to oppress and discriminate against black majorities through legal systems.

This concern extends to all situations where external commercial, industrial, and military interests are related to national oligarchies which resist justice and liberation for the masses of people. It is essential that governments which support or condone these activities alter their policies to permit and enable people to achieve genuine self-determination.

III. The United Nations. International justice requires the participation and determination of all peoples. We are called to look beyond the "limited and competing boundaries of nation-states to the larger and more inclusive community of humanity" (Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples).

There has been unprecedented international cooperation through the United Nations and its specialized agencies as they have worked to solve international problems of health, education, and the welfare of people. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is one of the agencies that has been successful in this area.

The achievements are to be commended. However, in other areas political considerations have diminished the support needed

for the United Nations to achieve its goals. Many nations, including the most powerful, participate in some programs only when those actions do not interfere with national advantage.

We believe the United Nations and its agencies must be supported, strengthened, and improved. We recommend that Christians work for the following actions in their respective nations.

a) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a standard of achievement for all peoples and nations. International covenants and conventions which seek to implement the Declaration should be universally ratified.

b) Peace and world order require the development of an effective and enforceable framework of international law which provides protection for human rights and guarantees of justice for all people.

c) Greater use should be made of the International Court of Justice. Nations should remove any restrictions they have adopted which impair the court's effective functioning.

d) Development agencies should not be dominated by the industrialized world. Efforts to make controling bodies of these agencies more representative should be supported.

e) International agencies designed to help nations or peoples escape from domination by other nations or transnational enterprises must continue to be created and strengthened.

f) Issues of food, energy, raw materials, and other commodities are greatly affected by economic and political considerations. Efforts in the United Nations to achieve new levels of justice in the world economic order should be considered, reviewed and supported.

g) Collective action against threats to peace must be supported. Wars fought in the search for justice might well be averted or diminished if the nations of the world would work vigorously and in concert in seeking changes in oppressive political and economic systems.

IV. World Trade and Economic Development. The gap between rich and poor continues to widen. Human rights are denied when the surpluses of some arise in part as a result of continued deprivation of others. This growing inequity exists in our own communities and in all our nations. Our past efforts to alleviate these conditions have failed. Too often these efforts have been limited by our own unwillingness to act or have been frustrated by private interests and governments striving to protect the wealthy and the powerful.

In order to eliminate inequities in the control and distribution of the common goods of humanity, we are called to join the search

for more just and equitable international economic structures and relationships. We seek a society that will assure all persons and nations the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential.

In working toward that purpose, we believe these steps are needed:

a) Economic systems structured to cope with the needs of the world's peoples must be conceived and developed.

b) Measures which will free people and nations from reliance on financial arrangements which place them in economic bondage must be implemented.

c) Policies and practices for the exchange of commodities and raw materials which establish just prices and avoid damaging fluctuations in price must be developed.

d) Control of international monetary facilities should be more equitably shared by all the nations, including the needy and less powerful.

e) Agreements which affirm the common heritage principle (that resources of the seabed, subsoil, outer space and those outside national jurisdiction are the heritage of humanity) should be accepted by all nations.

f) Multilateral, rather than bilateral, assistance programs should be encouraged for secular as well as religious bodies. They must be designed to respond to the growing desire of the "developing world" to become self-reliant.

g) Nations which possess less military and economic power than others must be protected, through international agreements, from loss of control of their own resources and means of production to either transnational enterprises or other governments.

These international policies will not narrow the rich-poor gap within nations unless the powerless poor are enabled to take control of their own political and economic destinies. We support people's organizations designed to enable the discovery of local areas of exploitation and development of methods to alleviate these problems.

Economic and political turmoil within many developing nations has been promoted and used by other powers as an excuse to intervene through subversive activities or military force in furtherance of their own national interests. We condemn this version of imperialism which often parades as international responsibility.

We support the United Nations' efforts to develop international law to govern the sea and to ensure that the world's common resources will be used cooperatively and equitably for the welfare of humankind.

We urge the appropriate boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church to continue and expand efforts to bring about justice in cooperative action between peoples of all countries.

V. Military Conscription, Training and Service. *a) Conscription.* We affirm our historic opposition to compulsory military training and service. We urge that military conscription laws be repealed; we also warn that elements of compulsion in any national service program will jeopardize seriously the service motive and introduce new forms of coercion into national life. We advocate and will continue to work for the inclusion of the abolition of military conscription in disarmament agreements.

b) Conscientious objection. Each person must face conscientiously the dilemmas of conscription, military training, and service and decide his or her own responsible course of action. We affirm the historic statement: "What the Christian citizen may not do is to obey persons rather than God, or overlook the degree of compromise in even our best acts, or gloss over the sinfulness of war. The church must hold within its fellowship persons who sincerely differ at this point of critical decision, call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, minister to all in Christ's name" (The United Methodist Church and Peace, 1968 General Conference).

Christian teaching supports conscientious objection to all war as an ethically valid position. It also asserts that ethical decisions on political matters must be made in the context of the competing claims of biblical revelation, church doctrine, civil law, and one's own understanding of what God calls him or her to do.

We therefore support all those who conscientiously object: to preparation for or participation in any specific war or all wars; to cooperation with military conscription; or to the payment of taxes for military purposes; and we ask that they be granted legal recognition.

c) Amnesty and reconciliation. We urge understanding of and full amnesty or pardon for persons in all countries whose refusal to participate in war has placed them in legal jeopardy.

VI. Peace Research, Education and Action. We call upon The United Methodist Church in the light of its historical teachings and its commitment to peace and self-development of peoples to:

a) Seek the establishment of educational institutions devoted to the study of peace (such as the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution).

b) Develop alternatives to vocations that work against peace and support individuals in their quest.

c) Explore and apply ways of resolving domestic and international differences which affirm human fulfillment rather than exploitation and violence.

d) Affirm and employ methods that build confidence and trust between peoples and countries, rejecting all promotion of hate and mistrust.

e) Continue to develop and implement the search for peace through educational experiences, including church school classes, schools of Christian mission and other settings throughout the church.

f) Encourage local churches and members to take actions that make for peace, and to act in concert with other peoples and groups of good will toward the achievement of a peaceful world.

Report No. 81

Petitions: CS1718, CS1838
Subject: Energy and the U.S. Federal Budget
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1160, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The issue is covered in Report No. 71.

Report No. 82

Petitions: CS1582
Subject: Christian Faith and Disarmament
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 67; For 60; Against 4; Not Voting 3.
Calendar Nos. 1161, 1265, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 465.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Christian Faith and Disarmament

The prophecy of Isaiah to Ahaz, King of Judah, declared that security cannot be gained in foreign alliances, intensified hatreds, or strengthened defenses. Isaiah's action program was for the king to "Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint" (Isaiah 7:4).

Isaiah had named his son, "A remnant shall return," which offered God's hope for those who remained faithful, a foretelling of the failure of those who rely on force of arms to survive (Is. 7, II Kings 17, II Chronicles 28).

We affirm Isaiah's words as a standard for today. They are consistent with our denominational history and our contemporary stance. We remember the words of the bishops of the Evangelical Association who said in 1816, "War and the shedding of blood are incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ." Thus we place ourselves with those who reject planning for war as a path to peace.

We also affirm Isaiah's words of hope. We are not called to despair. The landmark study, "The Christian Faith and War in the Nuclear Age," directed by the 1960 General Conference of The Methodist Church and given to the church in 1963, said: "The Christian Church and the individual must accept responsibility for the creation of a climate of opinion in which creative changes can occur." It called work for these creative alternatives our mission field as we live as disciples of the Prince of Peace" (p. 105, "The Christian Faith and War in the Nuclear Age").

We recognize the current situation, which is described as a "nuclear dilemma," presents the possibility that, referring to Isaiah's prophecy of a faithful remnant, there may not be a remnant left.

But we also recognize our own responsibility to act, on the basis of our faith, to establish alternatives to war as outlined in the Social Principles and "The United Methodist Church and Peace."

In that mission, we recognize certain events and rejoice in the work that is being done:

We stand with and affirm our bishops as they lead us through their ministry for peace, especially as it was represented by their Pastoral Letter of April 1982. We rejoice in their challenge to all United Methodists to join together in seeking an end to the arms race and dedicate ourselves to accept their challenge to be peacemakers.

We praise the American Conference of Catholic Bishops for their Pastoral Letter *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response.* We are strengthened in our understanding and actions through their studied biblical/theological analysis as well as by their analysis of our global situation.

We rejoice that a challenge to the escalating nuclear arms race has been developed by the National Movement for a Nuclear Freeze in the United States, and has been affirmed internationally in the United Nations. We commend and encourage our congregations and members who are leaders in that movement at all levels. We support a mutually verifiable freeze of nuclear weapons as a politically viable first step toward achieving our

goal of the elimination of the production, possession, or use of nuclear weapons.

We also rejoice that many United Methodists throughout the world participate in various other movements designed to seek alternatives to armaments. In these actions, they are joining together corporately to fulfill the request of the 1963 study which says the Christian must act and must "not sit on the sidelines while momentous decisions are being made" (pp. 100-101, *The Christian Faith-..*).

In order to fulfill our obligations to witness to God's hope for the future we pledge ourselves to these actions:

1. We, as United Methodist Christians, must build the conditions for peace through development of confidence and trust between peoples and governments. We stand unalterably opposed to those who would instill hate for one people and nation in the people of another nation. As a worldwide church, we recognize in Christ the unity of all humanity. There must be no hatred between sisters and brothers. We will seek out and struggle against any attempt to instill hatred of any, whether a country, people, or national symbol.

2. United Methodists and other Christians must recognize that conflict can be alleviated by accepting the validity of political and economic systems in other countries, and by pledging to work to eliminate attempts to impose systems developed in countries other than their own. That recognition is a necessary first step toward stopping the threat to one system by the government of the other.

3. Our goal of world disarmament must be achieved through intermediate steps of arms reduction. We reject deterrence as a permanent basis for the securing and maintenance of peace. It can only be tolerated as a temporary expedient and while real measures of disarmament are set in motion. We affirm measures, particularly between the USSR and the USA, which develop trust in negotiating postures, and deplore words and actions of one or the other of the major nuclear powers designed to threaten the other.

4. We seek to include no first-strike pledges in disarmament agreements. We oppose development of weapons systems which lead to automated, hair-trigger responses or pre-emptive strikes. Such systems radically shorten time available for rational response to presumed nuclear attack.

5. We continue to urge ratification by all nations of international treaties designed to curb the spread of all types of weapons, both on earth and in outer space. We pledge ourselves to aid in the development of situations where non-nuclear

countries do not feel compelled to seek nuclear weapons. We ask governments to structure appropriate political and economic relations with such countries that will encourage them in their non-nuclear path.

6. We encourage our local churches and members to also engage in other actions that lead to a disarmed world, including prayer services, vigils, petition drives, and contacts with public officials. To these ends we support those Christians who feel called upon by God to participate in acts of non-violent civil disobedience.

7. Disarmament and peace depend upon all nations discovering a prophetic vision of justice and tranquility, as well as the intentions of the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. We therefore call upon The United Methodist Church to establish justice ministries committed to spreading scriptural holiness and reforming the land. Justice requires the end of racism, poverty and violence, and the emergence everywhere of reconciliation. For that reason we reaffirm the program emphasis of Peace With Justice.

Report No. 83

Petitions: CS1770, CS1671, CS1563, CS1709, CS1792, CS1784
Subject: Peace Issues
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1162, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 80.

Report No. 84

Petitions: CS1654, 1656, 1780, 1844, 1722, 1661, 1729, 1730, 1736, 1728, 1727, 1725, 1732, 1735, 1737, 1738, 1740, 1743, 1744, 1723, 1724, 1741, 1733
Subject: Disarmament Issues
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1163, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 81.

Report No. 85

Petitions: CS1586
Subject: Conciliation Ministries

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1164, referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 8, 1984, Journal Page 321.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Conciliation Ministries

I. History/Background. The United Methodist Church has historically been associated with and responsive to conflict in the human community. Labor-management confrontations, racial strife, women's suffrage, wars, immigrant concerns, political conflicts, and community disruptions have witnessed the church's presence in reconciling and ameliorative ways. Today, these conflicts have broadened to include a need to respond to the mainstreaming of disabled children and those with special educational needs, the schism between white international peace advocates and minority racial, social, and economic justice advocates, as well as conflict surrounding issues related to unemployment, gays, and concerns of the aging.

Direction for exploring the feasibility of establishing a United Methodist Conciliation ministry came from the 1980 General Conference. The need was articulated in the Episcopal Address and is cited in various places in the General Conference proceedings (April 23, 1980 *Daily Christian Advocate*, p. 673, p. 1016, Calendar Item #1660, Paper #3).

The referral to study the possibility of establishing a conciliation ministry was an expression of need to consider a churchwide process through which the church could address societal conflict in a comprehensive manner.

II. Current Efforts to Address Conflict. A survey was conducted to determine which private, public, denominational, and ecumenical institutions and agencies were currently involved in conflict resolution and mediation. The survey instruments in the form of a questionnaire queried institutions and organizations such as universities and colleges, National Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, Church Women United, National Council of Negro Women, Urban League, Student Christian Leadership Council, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Education Association, American Friends Service Committee, Partners in Ecumenism, American Civil Liberties Union, National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Society of Friends, Political Mediation and Conciliation Services, the Federal government, state governments, local conflict resolution organizations, environmental concerns, and

many more. Of those surveyed the following were actively involved in conflict resolution on an ongoing basis:

a) Private and Public—American Arbitration Society
—Federal Mediation Service under the Department of Justice
—American Bar Association
—Arbitration As An Alternative Programs
—National Peace Academy Campaign
—Environmental Mediation Organizations
—Other private efforts too numerous to mention

b) Denominational—Mennonites

c) Ecumenical—National Council of Churches/Joint Strategy and Action Committee embracing projected plans for establishing a clearinghouse function, community crisis intervention, demonstration projects, and national conferencing and network building.

III. Conciliation Ministries Task Force Process. The following steps were taken by the task force to arrive at their final recommendations:

1. conducted survey to collect information from United Methodist conferences, other denominations, ecumenical groups, private and public organizations, colleges and universities.
2. analyzed survey data collected.
3. consulted with internationally recognized expert in conflict resolution, mediation, and conciliation to learn of the dynamics of conflict resolution.
4. surveyed and reported on standard and current publications and books related to the field; identified areas where the church could take action.
5. enumerated the elements of conciliation and conflict resolution.
6. drafted definitions and enabling statements.
7. entered into extensive theological discussions.
8. listed areas in need of conflict resolution and mediation skills.
9. prepared interim reports to the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries.
10. refined documents for final report to the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries who conducted study at the direction of the General Conference.

IV. Mission Statement. The gospel of Jesus Christ compels persons of faith to reconciliation through ministries of justice, healing, and peace. The healing of the community and the making of peace involve a ministry that is able and willing to go into the midst of social conflict.

Christ's counsel to "go into all the world" surely includes those places where violence is imminent or real. Jesus said that we minister most in His name when we draw nearest to human desperation. "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me."

The route to reconciliation carries us through pain and suffering to the restoration of God's intended wholeness, the healing of communities, and the creation of a new humanity.

V. Definition of Conciliation Ministries. This ministry centers on the just resolution and/or mediation of conflicts in the church and in the community, and on the development of conflict management skills in healing and creative models.

VI. Recommendation. For the production and restoration of wholeness within the human community, The United Methodist Church shall engage in conciliation ministries. Primary dimensions of these conciliation ministries shall be lodged with the General Board of Church and Society (contingent upon adequate funding by the General Conference). Planning and implementation shall be done in cooperation with the General Board of Global Ministries, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and other appropriate agencies and ecumenical bodies.

VII. Budget. It is recommended that the General Conference allocate a sum of money to establish this ministry during the 1985-1988 quadrennium in the amount of $200,000 for the first year with increments of 10 percent a year thereafter for the remainder of the quadrennium.

Report No. 86

Petitions: CS1708

Subject: Involvement within the Political Process

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 53; Against 18; Not Voting 5.

Calendar No. 1165, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.

The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church uphold the constitutional guarantee of "separation of church and state"; and

WHEREAS, the various quadrennial General Conferences of The United Methodist Church have spoken to the need for church members to become actively involved in the political process; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the economic climate of our nation has become worsened, and several state legislative bodies and the national Congress have made deep cuts in programs that result in ruinous impact upon the equal educational opportunities, health, well-being and survival of the citizenry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 1984 General Conference go on record encouraging all pastors and local churches to involve themselves in the political process by speaking to the issues that will ensure a viable climate for quality life and living in the United States, thereby impacting the legislative bodies of this nation to the end that these legislative bodies become aware that there are those who do believe corporately "we are our brothers' and sisters' and children's keepers"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The United Methodist Church, through its various structures from the Council of Bishops to the local church, exhort all citizens of this nation to become active participants in the political process to the end that all people will have some assurance that the basic necessities of life will be met for all people;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1984 General Conference direct the General Board of Church and Society to develop a series of resources, including workshops and written materials, that will enable pastors and lay members of local churches to understand how to participate in the political process.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Council of Bishops give authentic support to the concept of the "free pulpit" so that pastors can speak and give leadership in political processes that will impart provisions of the basic necessities of life for all people.

Report No. 87

Petitions: CS1495, 1506, 1544, 1622, 1762

Subject: Issues of Political Involvement

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1166, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The materials have been covered in previous actions of the committee.

Report No. 88

Petitions: CS1624, 1468, 1459, 1678, 1747, 1679, 1465, 1462, 1748, 1625, 1648, 1649, 1186, 1019, 1676, 1204, 1677, 1716, 1715, 1187, 1681, 1856, 1623

Subject: Alcoholism and Related Issues

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1167, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence on these issues covered in its previous actions.

Report No. 89

Petitions: CS1609
Subject: Southern Africa
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 77; For 72; Against 2; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1168, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 465.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Southern Africa

The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state: "We hold governments responsible for the rights of the people to the freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, and communications media; to the rights of privacy; and to the guarantee of the rights to adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, and health care" (1980 *Book of Discipline;* ¶ 74-A).

While rejecting the use of violence, they state: "But governments, no less than individuals, are subject to the judgment of God. Therefore we recognize the right of individuals to dissent when acting under the constraint of conscience and after exhausting all legal recourse, to disobey laws deemed to be unjust" (¶ 74-E).

We affirm the intent of past General Conference resolutions on Southern Africa (1976), South Africa (1980), and A Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community (1980).

We affirm our commitment to the just struggle of the African people to establish societies in which all can enjoy basic human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We seek biblical and theological guidance in our concern regarding political and economic systems in our world. We seek to be true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

The apartheid systems practiced in Namibia and South Africa legalize racism in its cruelest form. Inherent in the system is the negation of political, economic, social, and cultural rights for the majority black population. A current attempt is underway to grant partial rights to "Coloreds" and "Indians." The inalienable

rights of citizenship are based on race, color, and ethnic classifications.

The South African government has tried to further implement a policy of "separate development." Thirteen percent of the land has been allocated to the African majority. This land has been divided into 10 isolated and fragmented "bantustans" or "homelands." Four of these have been declared "independent" and their new citizens have been stripped of their South African citizenship. Eventually all black South Africans are to be citizens of these pseudoindependent countries which are recognized by no other government but South Africa. Eventually no black South African is to have South African citizenship.

In pursuit of racist political, economic, and security goals for the white minority, the government of South Africa has continued on a path of harassment, oppression, killings, imprisonment without trial, detention and bannings. Though P. W. Botha, Prime Minister of South Africa, has said to white South Africa, "adapt or die," he and his government seem determined to follow a suicidal course rather than to make substantive changes in their oppressive system. Bishop Desmond Tutu, General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), said in September, 1982, "Just as the Nazis had final plans for the Jews in Germany, the white South Africans have their final plans for blacks in South Africa."

In 1982 the General Council of the World Alliance of Reform Churches stated that: "Apartheid is sin and that the moral and theological justification of it is a travesty of the gospel and, in its persistent disobedience to the Word of God, a theological heresy."

While we are heartened by improved relations between South Africa and Mozambique, we continue to be concerned with the international impact of the apartheid system. We are painfully aware of the past and present South African policy of destabilization in the neighboring countries of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, the Seychelles, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We consider this policy a serious threat to world peace, especially since there are growing data which suggest that South Africa has nuclear capability.

Our concern is increased by the growing economic and strategic alliance between South African and other nuclear powers. These arrangements lend support not only to South Africa's nuclear potential but also to its policies of apartheid.

We recommend that United Methodists and United Methodist agencies and institutions:

1) reject as heresy any attempts to justify apartheid as an expression of Biblical tradition.

2) support the Namibian and South African persons, churches, movements and institutions which take courageous stands against apartheid.

3) support the contributions of the Council of Churches in Namibia (CCN) and the South African Council of Churches (SACC) for the prophetic role they play in Southern Africa and the world.

4) support the courageous position of the Christian churches in South Africa in denouncing the continued forced removal and relocation of the Africans in South Africa. We further urge wide dissemination of available documentation from the South African Council of Churches and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference throughout the denomination.

5) pray for and support Namibian and South African political prisoners and their families, and all who are oppressed by the apartheid regime.

6) support the creative role of trade unions in the struggle of South Africans for their liberation, and support the right of Namibian and South African workers to organize into unions of their own choosing, and to bargain collectively over wages, hours and conditions of employment free from government harassment.

7) encourage study and financial support for the Special Fund of the World Council of Churches' (WCC) Program to Combat Racism.

We encourage United Methodists and United Methodist agencies and institutions to join with others in their communities to:

1) close accounts with and withdraw funds from banks and divest from corporations doing business in South Africa.

2) refrain from the purchase, sale and/or promotion of the "Krugerrand" coin.

3) support efforts to boycott sporting events and cultural personalities which serve to affirm apartheid.

We urge United Methodists and United Methodist agencies and institutions to pressure their governments to support United Nations sanctions against South Africa and end any collaboration with South Africa by:

1) preventing further expansion of South African consulates, airways and exploitative industries such as de Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd. (a diamond concern).

2) opposing expanded participation of corporations in the South African economy, especially such involvement which enables more efficient police oppression (through computerization) or which promotes the "homelands" policy.

3) opposing South Africa's policy of destabilization of governments in neighboring countries.

4) rejecting the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola as a condition for the independence of Namibia.

We further urge United Methodists and United Methodist agencies and institutions to pressure their governments to:

1) support United Nations supervised elections in Namibia at the earliest possible date;

2) support the role of the South West African Peoples' Organization (SWAPO) in its efforts to prepare its people for the national independence of Namibia;

3) oppose covert and overt support to insurgent groups in Angola as blatant intervention in its sovereignty;

4) encourage the United States and the Peoples' Republic of Angola to engage in diplomatic discussions which will lead to mutual recognition.

Report No. 90

Petitions: CS1811, CS1816-1821

Subject: South Africa

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 78; For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1169, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 89.

Report No. 91

Petitions: CS1615

Subject: Treatment of Women in the U.S. Under Social Security

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1170, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.

The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

The Treatment of Women in the United States Under Social Security

The Old and New Testaments share prophetic-messianic traditions in which God stands with the oppressed against a dehumanizing and destructive social order. The emphasis on the protection of those in deepest need was a theme of the events of Exodus. And Jesus, drawing on intimate knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures, inaugurated his ministry with a quotation from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord . . . has anointed me to

preach good news to the poor . . . to set at liberty those who are oppressed. . ." (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2).

The early Christian Church in Jerusalem, following this tradition, established a community in which all things were held in common. Special attention was given to those who were the neediest: widows, the elderly, the disabled. Israel and the early church exemplify the role that a community of faith is called upon to play: concern for the welfare of the poor and establishment of a just social system.

In the United States, millions of aged and disabled persons, especially women, depend on the Social Security system for the necessities of life. For most Americans, especially aged women, the Social Security system is often the one program that stands between them and poverty.

Inequities in the system, however, also make it a program that tends to keep many women in poverty. Because of the important role of Social Security, people of faith have a special interest in ensuring that it is operated fairly and securely. Its benefits must be designed to overcome disadvantages of age, race, sex, or disability. And it must be regularly reviewed to assure that it is flexible enough to adjust to the changing needs of our society.

The Social Security system in the United States has historically functioned as a basic insurance program to provide income and medical expenses for those persons who are retired or disabled. It has helped to hold families together by maintaining income in times of personal hardship. It has relieved younger people of the necessity of total care for aging parents while also allowing retired persons the independence and dignity of their own income by providing basic benefits. Since its enactment in the 1930's, the program has been a cornerstone of the social policy of the United States. However, U.S. society has radically changed in the intervening years and modifications in the Social Security system are now required to meet those social changes.

When the Social Security system was first established, only 17 percent of the paid work force was female. Today over half of all women in the United States work outside the home. However, the wage differential between women and men has been deteriorating during the last 25 years. It is now about 60 cents to $1. Changes in the labor force participation of women and the inequality of pay, combined with an increased divorce and remarriage rate and extended life expectancy of women, have resulted in an oppressive situation for many women under Social Security.

In 1980, approximately 52 percent of all Social Security recipients were women, either as workers or dependents.

Thirteen percent were children and the remaining 35 percent were men. The average monthly Social Security benefit in 1982 for adult women was $308 compared to $430 for men. Retired female workers averaged $335 compared to $438 for men. Spouses of retired or disabled husbands averaged $196 and widows $351. The median annual income for all women over 65 from all sources was only $4757 as compared to $8173 for men in 1981. The figures for minority persons are painfully lower.

Clearly, the system needs attention. Widowed, divorced and never-married women account for 72 percent of all aged people living in poverty. Changes in the Social Security system are desperately needed in order to achieve equal and adequate treatment for all persons. Benefits are clearly inadequate for divorced women, widowed women, ethnic minority women, women who have never married, and women who are not citizens. The current benefit structure penalizes women who work regularly but who spend time out of the labor force to bear and raise children. Further, couples with one wage earner receive larger benefits than do two-earner couples with the same total earnings. Structural unemployment results in increased numbers of unemployed American women and, therefore, less Social Security coverage. Also, the growing issue of undocumented workers who pay into the Social Security system but receive no benefits from their payments needs to be addressed.

The 1983 report of the National Commission on Social Security Reform did not deal with basic systemic change in the gender-based system. However, after the report was released, a majority of the commissioners declared in favor of "earnings sharing," a concept that affirms marriage as a partnership, dividing equally any earnings by either spouse for Social Security purposes. Following that report, the General Boards of Global Ministries and Church and Society affirmed "earnings sharing" as a way of bringing greater equality to the Social Security system.

The United Methodist Church, in its Social Principles, urges social policies and programs that ensure to the aging the respect and dignity that is their right as senior members of society; affirms the need to support those in distress; and calls for the equal treatment of men and women in every aspect of their common life.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the 1984 General Conference supports the effort to address the many inequities suffered by women in the Social Security system and urges that the governmental body established to consider these inequities should consult with older women, ethnic minority women and representatives of organiza-

tions dealing with older women's issues. Such a body should give special attention to:

a. the concept of "earnings sharing" with a "hold harmless" provision which would prevent persons now receiving benefits from being cut;

b. Social Security credits for the homemaker; and

c. an allowance for more "child care" years spent out of the work force.

2. That the Secretary of the General Conference shall communicate this support to the appropriate officials in the executive and legislative branches of the United States government.

3. That the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries shall continue to document social security issues and shall inform their constituencies about the needs for reform.

4. That The United Methodist Church shall educate its constituencies so that churches and individual United Methodists can encourage their legislators to support needed reform.

Sources:

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4. *"Social Security Handbook,"* 1983, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Social Security Administration, Washington, D.C.

Report No. 92

Petitions: CS1822

Subject: Policy for Investments in South Africa

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 78; For 49; Against 29; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1171, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.

The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, many United States companies continue to do business in South Africa;

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church has no comprehensive plan guiding our churches in its statements and actions with reference to investments with corporations that do business in South Africa;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church direct the development of an intensified and coordinated plan for our denomination to use relative to South Africa. The plan, coordinated by the General

Board of Church and Society, should be designed to enable all local congregations, and boards and agencies at all levels of our church, to speak with a strong, coordinated voice on behalf of social justice in the Republic of South Africa.

Report No. 93

Petitions: CS1772
Subject: Pornography
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 78; For 60; Against 15; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1172, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 94

Petitions: CS1828
Subject: Commercial TV and Radio Obscenities
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 78; For 74; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1173, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 495.
The committee recommends that the following statement be referred for study to the General Board of Church and Society:

The church takes a firm stand against the ever increasing use of obscenities and profanity, violence and sexual acts and their corresponding implications, displayed and voiced on commercial television and radio channels. This applies to entertainment programs, newscasts and live interviews of public figures. We recognize that they can establish patterns of life, particularly among our youth, that are opposed to Christian teaching. The church encourages its members to remove these indecencies from their homes by being selective in their viewing and listening, and to instruct their children accordingly. Members are also encouraged to inform the commercial media and their advertisers and Congressional leaders of the demoralization of these acts.

Report No. 95

Petitions: CS1791
Subject: Organ and Tissue Donation
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1174, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.
The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

WHEREAS selfless consideration for the health and welfare of others is at the heart of the Christian ethic; and

WHEREAS organ and tissue donation is a life giving act, since transplantation of organs and tissues is scientifically proven to save the lives of persons with terminal diseases and improve the quality of life for the blind, the deaf and others with life threatening diseases; and

WHEREAS organ donation may be perceived as a positive outcome of a seemingly senseless death and is thereby comforting to the family of the deceased and is conducted with respect, and with the highest consideration for maintaining the dignity of the deceased and his/her family; and

WHEREAS moral leaders the world over recognize organ and tissue donation as an expression of humanitarian ideals in giving life to another; and

WHEREAS thousands of persons who could benefit from organ and tissue donation continue to suffer and die due to lack of consent for donation, due primarily to poor public awareness and lack of an official direction from the church;

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in session this May, 1984, recognizes the life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation, and thereby encourages all Christians to become organ and tissue donors by signing and carrying donor cards or driver's licenses, attesting to their commitment of such organs upon the donor's death, to those in need therefore, as a part of the donor's ministry to others in the name of Christ, who gave His life that we might have life in its fullness.

Report No. 96

Petitions: CS1642

Subject: Assistance and Sanctuary for Central American Refugees

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 77; For 71; Against 3; Not Voting 3. *Calendar No. 1195, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 466.*

The committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, at various times in history the Christian Church has been called upon to give concrete evidence of its commitment to love and justice even when it seems contrary to public opinion, and

WHEREAS, according to the terms of the Refugee Act of 1980 the U.S. accords refugee or asylum status to persons who cannot return to their countries of origin because of persecution or fear of persecution, for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion, and

WHEREAS, refugees from Central America and other areas of Latin America and the Caribbean are fleeing to the United States to escape the persecution, torture, and murder of their civil-war torn homelands, and

WHEREAS, many of these refugees have been tortured and murdered when forced to return to their homelands, and

WHEREAS, Scripture says not to "mistreat foreigners who live in your land" (Lev. 9:33) because sojourners and strangers have a special place in the heart of God.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church strongly:

1. Urge the President of the United States, the Department of State, Department of Justice, and the Congress to grant "extended voluntary departure" legal status to refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala, and other areas of the Caribbean and Latin America.

2. Request that annual conferences and local churches assist in ministries to Central American, Caribbean, and other Latin American refugees by providing them with legal assistance, bail bond funds, food, housing, and medical care.

3. Encourage congregations who take seriously the mandate to do justice and to resist the policy of the Immigration and Naturalization Service by declaring their churches to be "sanctuaries" for refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala, and other areas of the Caribbean and Latin America.

4. We urge the United States to follow the United Nations definition of refugees.

Report No. 97

Petitions: CS1643-1646, CS1810

Subject: Assistance for Central American Refugees

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1196, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 96.

Report No. 98

Petitions: CS1597

Subject: Global Racism

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 79; For 67; Against 9; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1197, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 483.

The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Global Racism

God through creation has established a mode whereby, through a reconciling process, human beings can achieve the full potential of their existence.

The worth of every human being resides in the intrinsic value which God has given to each individual. This affirmation is echoed in Jesus' parables where each human being is valued according to God's special love for that person.

Any person who places another person, by thought or deed, outside of the possibility of human growth and development violates God's sacred mandate to humanity: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

This mandate sets the conditions for human existence through justice, mutual respect, and trust. Our failure to fulfill this mandate has resulted in oppression and racism.

Racism is a system of domination in which one racial group claims superiority and oppresses other groups for economic, political, cultural, psychological and/or religious reasons. Racism confers certain privileges on a small group of people who benefit from the resultant inequities. It is the creation and defense of these privileges that underlie and maintain the systems of racial domination. For this reason, racial domination is exceedingly complex. It is enforced and maintained both consciously and unconsciously by the legal, cultural, educational, economic, political, and military institutions of a society. This oppression is a pervasive, worldwide phenomenon, not confined to certain countries or continents. No economic system—socialism, capitalism or any other—is immune to it.

Racism is encountered whenever:

1) Persons, even before they are born, are assigned to a group, severely limited in freedom of movement, choice of work and places of residence, because of their race.

2) Groups of people, because of their race, are denied effective participation in the political process and are compelled, often by physical force, to obey the edicts of governments which they were not allowed to have a part in choosing.

3) Racial groups within a nation are excluded from the normal channels available for gaining economic power, through denial of educational opportunities and entry into occupational/professional groups.

4) Policies of a nation ensure benefits for that nation from the labor of racial groups, migrant or otherwise, while at the same time denying to such people commensurate participation in the affairs of the nation.

5) The identity of persons is defamed through stereotyping of racial and ethnic groups in textbooks, cinema, mass media, interpersonal relations and other ways.

6) People are denied equal protection of the law, because of race, and when constituted authorities of the state use their power to protect the interests of the dominant group at the expense of the powerless.

7) Groups or nations continue to profit from regional and global structures that are historically related to racist presuppositions and actions.

The 1980 Social Principles states that: "Racism plagues and cripples our growth in Christ, inasmuch as it is antithetical to the gospel itself. Therefore, we reject racism in every form, and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts which particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic minorities and oppressed people which leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society. We assert the obligation of society, and groups within the society, to implement compensatory programs that redress long-standing systematic social deprivation of racial and ethnic minorities. We further assert the right of members of racial and ethnic minorities to equal opportunities in employment and promotion; to education and training of the highest quality; to nondiscrimination in voting, in access to public accommodations, and in housing purchase or rental; and positions of leadership and power in all elements of our life together."

Confession of Racism in Today's Church. As a religious community, both as United Methodist congregations and individuals, we often have failed to proclaim and live out the gospel message of love toward our neighbors in terms of salvation and liberation for all of God's people. Too often we have not recognized the struggle against racism as central to our church's mission to the world.

Confession of Racism in Today's Society. Within the larger secular society, it is the economic and political manifestations of racism that are the most obvious. Usually, it is people of color, women and children, and those people in developing countries who suffer most from the priorities of racist policies and attitudes.

As United Methodists we recognize the need to:

1) examine our direct and indirect roles in retarding the self-determination and development of racially oppressed people.

2) critique immigration patterns and promote nonracially determined immigration policies.

3) recognize the exploitation of the world's resources and peoples by many transnational corporations who place profit before people.

4) demand greater corporate responsibility and accountability.

5) demand greater responsibility from the communications/media industry in their role of attitude formation and perpetuation of racist stereotypes and mythology.

6) assess the continued exploitation inherent in the dichotomies of north/south, rich/poor, industrialized nations/world of color.

7) critique and reform legal and judicial systems which disproportionately jail, imprison, and execute people of color.

8) support the restructuring of the educational systems to enable all children to learn to their fullest potential under conditions of maximum opportunity.

9) support the enforcement of affirmative action in employment, housing, health care institutions, and governmental systems, even in the face of laws which compel such behavior.

10) support changes in laws and practices which doubly discriminate against women of color.

As United Methodists in the United States we recognize the need to:

1) condemn the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party, the Posse Comitatus and similar militantly racist movements.

2) assess the increasing militarism of the U.S, which is based on racist enlistment patterns growing out of economic forms of racism; the ultimate wrong of U.S. minorities fighting in the Third World on behalf of an elitist group of economic interests.

3) understand the implications of bilingual and multicultural experiences in relationship to racism.

4) see our actions on racism in the light of histories and issues of Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native peoples, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

5) examine the domination by the U.S. of Puerto Rico's development, particularly the Island of Vieques.

6) examine the racist actions involving Haitian, Vietnamese, Kapuchean, Mexican, Salvadorean and other refugees in the U.S.

7) halt racist actions directed at Native peoples, related to broken treaties, land rights and national resources questions.

8) give high visibility to U.S. immigration policy and the plight of undocumented persons.

9) examine the racism of the welfare system in the U.S.

Therefore, as United Methodists, Committed to Understanding and Eliminating Racism:

We affirm the use of non-violent action and resistance as alternatives to human abuse, injustice, war, and exploitation, and that non-violence become one of the strategies for a new international coalition to combat racism.

We recommend the following actions:

1) that the Commission on Religion and Race, in cooperation with other program boards, develop a program for the implementation of the "Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community" throughout the entire church and a progress report be given to the 1988 General Conference.

2) that the Commission on Religion and Race, in cooperation with the Council of Bishops and other program boards, call for a national convocation of United Methodists to be held early in the quadrennium and then followed by five jurisdictional conferences that would examine:

a. explicit racism in The United Methodist Church's relationship with its employees.

b. how to call to accountability those groups and/or individuals who maintain and encourage discriminatory practices within their congregations, districts, and conferences.

c. develop a process to evaluate present and future strategies toward the elimination of racism within The United Methodist Church.

3) the general boards and agencies, the Council of Bishops and local congregations affirm and encourage the use of theologies of ethnic peoples which will free all people from the domination of Anglo-European theologies and make ethnic faith relevant to their own communities.

4) individuals and local congregations be encouraged to explore how their invested money is being used and to question the racial practices of those companies in which they invest.

5) the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries work through the political process in the United States to:

a. urge the U.S. government to cease all collaboration with the government of South Africa until it abandons its policy on apartheid.

b. encourage the U.S. government to ratify and become an advocate for the United Nations Human Rights Covenant on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

6) the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Discipleship promote study and use of interpretive materials for local churches on the World Council of Churches' Program to Combat Racism.

7) the Commission on Religion and Race and the General Board of Global Ministries make a careful analysis of the perspective of indigenous and aboriginous peoples vis-a-vis racism, especially in those cases where genocide is being practiced.

8) the appropriate United Methodist agencies sponsor a convocation in the U.S. for members of the mass media to:

a. examine racism in reporting both in the U.S. and outside.

b. examine racism in advertising.

Report No. 99

Petitions: CS1628

Subject: Racism in the Church and the Society

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 79; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1198, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 495.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 98.

Report No. 100

Petitions: CS1496

Subject: Support of Free Public Education

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 78; For 72; Against 5; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1199, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 495.

The committee recommends referral of the following resolution to the General Board of Church and Society:

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church has traditionally supported free and universal public education, and

WHEREAS, the public education system in the U.S. is under heavy criticism from several sources;

BE IT RESOLVED:

a) that The United Methodist Church strongly reaffirm the right of all children to quality free education, kindergarten through 12th grade;

b) that every Annual Conference Board of Church and Society convene a consultation on education with specific objectives such as:

1. Identification of major issues.
2. Support strategies to improve the system.
3. Support for teachers.

c) that every local church:

1. Give support to local boards of education.

2. Institute educational programs such as tutoring, "adopt a school," homework centers, and educational enrichment.

Report No. 101

Petitions: CS1508
Subject: Education
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 78; For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1215, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 102

Petitions: CS1767
Subject: Oppose Public Funds for Private Schools
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 75; For 69; Against 3; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1216, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends that ¶ 74D be revised to read as follows:

D) Education.— We believe responsibility for education of the young rests with the family, the Church, and the government. *In our society* This function can best be fulfilled through public policies which ensure access for all persons to free public elementary and secondary schools and to post-secondary schools of their choice. Persons in our society should not be precluded by financial barriers from access to church-related and other independent institutions of higher education. We affirm the right of public and independent colleges and universities to exist. *and* We endorse public policies which ensure access and choice and which do not create unconstitutional entanglements between Church and state. **We oppose tuition tax credits for private primary and secondary schools.** The state should not use its authority to inculcate particular religious beliefs (including atheism) nor should it require prayer or worship in the public schools. *but should leave students free to practice their own religious convictions.*

Report No. 103

Petitions: CS1771
Subject: Personal Financial Management
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 74; For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 1217, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 104

Petitions: CS1777, CS1836
Subject: Land Use
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1218, No action taken.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is dealt with in resolutions adopted earlier.

Report No. 105

Petitions: CS1594
Subject: Equal Rights of Women
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
(Note: Vote is printed as reported by the committee.—*Editor*)
Calendar No. 1219, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 466.
The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution, to replace the one by the same title from the 1980 *Book of Resolutions.*

Equal Rights of Women

The Gospel makes it clear that Jesus regarded women and men as being of equal worth. Nowhere is it recorded that Jesus treated women in a different manner than he did men. Although the gospel writers recorded little in the way of verbal statements of Jesus about women, they have preserved for us many incidents in the life of Jesus which indicated that he understood the equality of all people, male and female alike, to be a significant element of his message.

While Jesus called only males to be part of the 12, biblical evidence indicates that others, including women, were considered disciples or followers of Jesus. In open defiance of the customs of his society, Jesus taught women, spoke to them in public, and refused to confine women to the traditionally accepted roles. Moreover, women were the first witnesses to the Resurrection and were directed to go and tell their brothers.

While both the Old and New Testaments came out of male-centered cultures and necessarily reflect that culture, interpretations of the Scriptures by the church have unduly emphasized male "superiority." For example, popular interpretation of the two creation stories often assume the women as

"help mate" or "helper," which implies female inferiority or subordination. In the original Hebrew, however the word translated "helper" described a person of at least equal status to the one helped. Indeed, the majority of times this word appears in the Old Testament it is speaking of God as "helper." Rather than defining women as secondary to man, each creation story points to the equality of the male and the female, both of whom are made "in the image of God."

A number of statements attributed to Paul have frequently been cited to support the idea of feminine subordination and submission. However, when these statements are taken in context and balanced against the rest of the New Testament, especially against the message of Jesus, there can be no doubt that women are of equal value with men and should enjoy the same rights, privileges, and obligations as men.

The support of The United Methodist Church for equal rights of women derives from our traditional concern for justice, human dignity, and equality of all persons.

Examples of courageous action throughout our history inspire us as we move into our third century. Grounded in our biblical understanding, experience, and tradition, equal rights for women in church life, public institutions, and personal relationships have been, and will continue to be, fundamental in our call to be faithful as United Methodists.

Since 1972 this commitment was focused through our denomination's effort to support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. Three successive General Conferences, with practically unanimous votes, supported involvement in the ratification effort for the proposed 26th Amendment, which would have guaranteed equity in the formation and implementation of the legal statutes in the United States. Yet, the deadline for ratification occurred in 1982 with only three states lacking the necessary approval. Thus, in the United States citizens continue to live in a situation where the laws at the local, state and federal level discriminate against persons. Social policies continue which view women as dependents to the extent that many women reach mature adulthood and their senior years to find themselves in poverty. Trends indicate that women, children and other dependents living in families headed by women will compose almost all the persons living in poverty in the United States by the year 2000 if current social policies continue. These social conditions include social services cutbacks, unemployment, salary discrimination, inequality of opportunity, and the weakening of affirmative action and Equal Employment Opportunity regulations. For women of

racial or language minority groups or women who are older, the burden of these conditions is the most extreme.

Be it therefore resolved that we, as United Methodists, will continue:

1. To lift up our historic concern for the equality of women and men, to confess those times when we have failed to confront discrimination, and to rejoice in efforts to support human dignity.

2. To work through local churches, councils of churches, conference committees, general agencies, and appropriate coalitions to research laws and policies that discriminate on the basis of gender and to advocate changes that enable equality of rights and opportunities. (This work will continue to require strategic focus and coordination on every level.)

3. To support the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; to educate United Methodists and others to its history, meaning and purpose, and to work through all appropriate channels for its passage.

4. To monitor those public policies and practices which affect unemployment, pay inequity, inequality of opportunity, and in the United States the weakening of affirmative action (with special concern for the interlocking impact of discrimination on the basis of gender, race, age); to support those public policies and practices that create new jobs, that encourage women to move into non-traditional jobs, and that alleviate competition between women and minorities for jobs.

5. To encourage United Methodist general program agencies and annual conferences to develop creative approaches for the development of governmental social policies that will eliminate the burden of poverty on women and children; to offer opportunities for service and action to United Methodists who want to be involved in eradicating those conditions; and to work for economic justice.

Report No. 106

Petitions: CS1474, CS1807, CS1595, CS1754, CS1755
Subject: Rights of Women
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1220, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 105.

Report No. 107

Petitions: CS1601, CS1602
Subject: Immigration

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 78; For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1221, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Immigration

A. Biblical/Theological Reflection. The Old Testament is the story of a people on the move, often as immigrants and refugees, frequently as seekers of a better homeland. It is the story of suffering and repression and God's liberating action in the midst of that history. The sojourn of Ruth and the fleeing of Jacob and his sons to avoid famine are just two of the many stories related by the witness of the Old Testament. The Hebrew people, pilgrims themselves, were also reminded by their leaders and prophets: "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner; you know how it feels to be a foreigner because you were foreigners in Egypt" (Exodus 23:9), and "You are strangers and sojourners with me" (Leviticus 25:23).

The New Testament story begins by reaffirming this heritage of uprootedness as the infant Jesus and his family fled to Egypt to avoid political persecution. Jesus' life from that beginning was marked by uprootedness: "Foxes have holes, wild birds have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20). His friends and disciples were neither the "pillars of society" nor the holders of power, but those who were themselves homeless and often poor, powerless, despised, and rejected. His encounters were often with people who were direct challenges to the political and social stereotypes of his own nation-state.

Into a world of ethnic diversity, racial fears and nationalistic insecurities, Jesus brought a grace and power to overcome those fears. His new way was: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another" (John 12:34-35). Love is fulfilled in the love of the stranger and sojourner. As stated in the book of Hebrews 13:1-2: "Let love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

B. Historical Background. All the citizens of the United States have come from other parts of the world. Since the 17th century millions of immigrants came to the colonies and the United States, often to seek greater freedom and broader opportunities in a new land. No other nation has welcomed so many immigrants from so many parts of the world for so many centuries. Nevertheless, the history of immigration policy in the

U.S. has been heavily influenced by public views on economics and racism. Since 1798 with the passage of the Alien Act until the present, the U.S immigration policy has at times encouraged the presence of immigrants who could provide the cheap hard labor to build canals and railroads, help with the harvesting of crops, and supply industry with needed workers. At other times U.S. immigration has systematically excluded immigrants because of racial, ethnic, religious, or other prejudicial reasons. Examples are the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, Immigration Act of 1924, designed to deport Mexican laborers, the Quota Law of 1921, and the Refugee Act of 1980, which denied Haitian, Ethiopian, and Latin Americans the classification of refugees. While changes in immigration law and policy are necessary, we as the church need to be mindful of our tradition as stated in our Social Principles: "The church must regard nations as accountable for unjust treatment of their citizens and others living within their borders."

Therefore, we call the leaders of the United States of America:

1. To continue to strive to make the United States a model of social justice in its domestic immigration policies as well as in its foreign policy and diplomatic relations with other nations.

2. To interpret broadly the immigration laws of the United States: a) by providing sanctuary for those fleeing because of well-founded fear of persecution due to their political affiliation, religious orientation and/or racial origin; and b) by adopting reasonable standards of proof of eligibility as refugees for those seeking asylum.

3. To withhold support to governments with a documented recent history of abuses and disregard for human rights.

4. To eliminate within the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) all abuses of civil and human rights including such practices as the violation of due process, denial of bail, or hasty deportation of the undocumented and overstayed.

5. To strengthen the service arm of the INS by increasing availability of personnel at the administrative levels in order to process applications and diminish the backlog of immigration applications.

6. To monitor all attempted reforms on immigration policy to ensure fair and adequate process in regards to judicial review, quota systems, and family reunification.

7. To reject the use of an identification card as a measure to control immigrants.

We urge the leaders of all nations:

1. To alleviate conditions and change internal politics that create a momentum for the migration of peoples over the world.

(This means working for agrarian reform, social justice, and an adequate measure of economic security of all peoples.)

2. To create international economic policies that use capital, technology, labor, and land in a manner that gives priority to employment and production of basic human necessities. (At the same time such policies should not give inordinate power to transnational corporations and should avoid displacing people from their land.)

3. To recognize and respond to the causes and consequences of internally displaced people.

4. To seek an end to hostilities and terrorism through the just resolution of the socio-political conflicts which spawn such activities and give rise to large numbers of refugees.

5. To ensure protection of the basic human rights of immigrants (such as the right to an education, adequate health care, due process and redress of law, protection against social and economic exploitation, the right to a cultural and social identity, and access to the social and economic life of nations) for both documented and undocumented, permanent or transient refugees or immigrants.

6. To welcome generous numbers of persons and families dislocated by natural disasters, war, political turmoil, repression, persecution, discrimination, or economic hardship.

7. To stop all military and financial aid and certification of governments which disregard human rights.

We speak to the whole church, and specifically call upon United Methodist churches and agencies to devote special attention and resources to the care of the legal, social, and other needs of overstayed and of undocumented persons. We instruct the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries to:

1. Continue explorations of solutions to the problems of the overstayed and of undocumented persons.

2. Serve as advocate on behalf of The United Methodist Church in support of the immigration principles of family unity and documentation for other cases of a hardship nature.

3. Monitor cases of possible human rights violations in the area of immigration and give guidance to United Methodists in responding to such cases.

4. Provide technical and financial assistance to local churches in active ministry to overstayed and undocumented persons.

5. Continue the task of educating United Methodists on the subject of immigration.

Report No. 108

Petitions: CS1703

Subject: Immigration
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1222, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material is covered in Report No. 107.

Report No. 109

Petitions: CS1842
Subject: Unemployment
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 78; For 75; Against 3; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1223, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 483.
The committee recommends adoption of the following resolution. It will replace the resolution on the same subject adopted by the 1976 General Conference.

Unemployment

I. Historic Commitments. "Historically, The United Methodist Church has been concerned with the moral issues involved with the social problem of unemployment" (opening sentence, 1976 General Conference statement on "Unemployment").

Three key statements from the Social Principles provide the basis for the church's approach to this critical social concern:
—"Every person has the right and responsibility to work for the benefit of himself or herself and the enhancement of human life and community and to receive adequate remuneration" (¶ 73C, "Work and Leisure").
—"We recognize the responsibility of governments to develop and implement sound fiscal and monetary policies that provide for the economic life of individuals and corporate entities, and that ensure full employment and adequate incomes with a mininum of inflation" (¶ 73, Introductory Paragraph, "The Economic Community").
—"We believe private and public economic enterprises are responsible for the social costs of doing business, such as unemployment . . . , and that they should be held accountable for these costs" (ibid.).

The 1976 General Conference adopted the most recent statement on "Unemployment" (as part of a comprehensive resolution on "Human Relations") that built on the historic concern for translating these basic principles into ". . . governmental policies . . . that would ensure full employment in order

that workers may fully participate in society with dignity, so that families may be economically secure, and so that the nation may achieve coherent high priority goals" (From introductory paragraph, 1976 General Conference statement on "Unemployment").

This 1984 resolution reaffirms and updates these historic commitments of our denomination.

II. Present Situation. In the intervening years since 1976, however, little has been done to resolve the issue of unemployment. In 1984 unemployment rates still remain at about 7.8 percent; underemployment results in large numbers of families living under the poverty level; and increasing numbers of people have become discouraged and have dropped out of the labor force altogether.

Furthermore, the levels of unemployment among blacks, Native Americans, Hispanics and some other minorities have become a national disaster.

III. Call to Action. Once more it is necessary for the church to remind itself and the nation of this unhappy and unjust situation and to recommend, as it did in 1976, certain specific policy actions that will help move society towards full-employment.

A. The General Conference of The United Methodist Church calls upon the local, state, and federal governments in the United States to:

1. develop policies and programs that will help achieve full-employment.

2. cooperate with private business and labor to institute comprehensive job training programs. (These programs must be devised to meet the special needs of minorities and women who bear disproportionate share of unemployment and underemployment.)

3. Cooperate with private business and labor to create the jobs needed to secure employment for all who wish to work. (It is to be remembered that government has the right responsibility to invest in the public service sectors of transportation, health, education, and environment, all of which create many jobs. Some funds presently going to production of military weapons converted to these public service purposes could supply the needed investment funds.)

4. Cooperate with private business and labor to provide the unemployed workers with an income adequate to meet their families' needs.

B. The General Conference also calls upon the churches to:

1. Prepare the moral climate/understanding that would enable the nation to discover the resolving unemployment *(sic)* by:

a) educating its own constituencies and the general public about the causes, effects, and victims of unemployment and

underemployment in the current and emerging American and global economy.

b) undergirding this educational effort with the Biblical-theological basis of Christian responsibility for helping to resolve these issues.

c) incorporating in this education an emphasis on a Biblical and social ethical analysis of the interrelationships between unemployment and racism, sexism, classism, militarism, and other forms of social violence.

2. Provide direct services to address unmet needs for employment, food, clothing, shelter, health care, and emergency financial assistance; and for counseling and support groups to meet the personal and family, economic and spiritual needs of the victims of unemployment.

3. Support community-based economic development ventures that provide local job opportunities and the recycling of money within local communities.

4. Encourage and support local, state, regional, and national coalitions that constructively address private and public sector policies that relate to the issues of unemployment and underemployment, plant closings and economic dislocation, and other ancillary concerns.

Report No. 110

Petitions: CS1633

Subject: Affirmative Action

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 77; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 1224, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.

The committee recommends reaffirmation of the resolution "In Support of Afffirmative Action" in the 1980 *Book of Resolutions* and acceptance of two revisions:

1) The title of the resolution will become **Affirmative Action**

2) The words "in American life" will be deleted in paragraph six, item 2.

Report No. 111

Petitions: CS1695

Subject: Formosan Churches (Presbyterian) Under Persecution

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1225, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.

The committee recommends that the following updated resolution be adopted and substituted for the one in the *Book of Resolutions*, "Formosan Churches (Presbyterian) Under Persecution and Political Terror."

WHEREAS, Formosa has been under official martial law since 1949, under Chiang's Nationalist government (Kuomintang); and

WHEREAS, the largest Protestant church (250,000 members) in Formosa has never been party to opposition riots and demonstrations, but is now being severely persecuted; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1980, 9:15 p.m., the Rev. Dr. C. M. Kao, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa was arrested by military police garrison personnel for alleged crimes of connections with subversive organizations and harboring of a fugitive; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. C. M. Kao is still in jail serving his 7-year sentence; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 1983, there was an election in Taiwan (Formosa) for the seats of the Legislative Yuan ("court" or "college"), but most of the members (275 out of 373 to be exact) were elected in 1947 in Nanking, before Chiang Khai-shek's regime fled to Formosa; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Yuan, as a branch of the government, has the power to legislate law and oversee government spending, and according to the Constitution, a general election is supposed to be called once every three years to elect the members of this Yuan; and

WHEREAS, after the application of the Martial Law in Formosa in 1949, which is still in effect, Chiang declared that there would be no election and there was no election; and

WHEREAS, Chiang maintained his "no-election" policy, the old members of his government kept dying, even at a rate of two to three per month in recent years, and from the 400 members in the Legislative Yuan in 1947, there were 275 left last November; and

WHEREAS, the government was forced to hold a partial election to make up for the number of the dead, and the first such election was held in 1977, after Chiang's death in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the 275 members, out of 373, who were elected in 1947 do not have to run for re-election, there were 98 seats to be filled, but among these 98 seats, the government reserves the right to appoint 69 of them and these appointments are to be made among overseas Chinese groups, pro-Chiang's regime groups; and

WHEREAS, the real election held last December was to elect those 29 seats left, but even if all 29 seats were won by the

non-party candidates, they would still be a minority in the Legislative Yuan; and

WHEREAS, in Formosa, under the present regime, the opposition party is not allowed and those who do not run under the banner of the Kuomintang are generally called "non-party candidates;" and

WHEREAS, there were six non-party candidates elected in the December 3, 1983, election out of over 20 running; and

WHEREAS, these candidates and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan have called for Formosa's future to be decided by the residents of Formosa; and

WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Church in Formosa (Taiwan), PCT, under the leadership of Dr. Kao, issued statements in 1971, 1973, and 1978 urging the government in Formosa and the superpowers to respect the God-given human rights for the people of Taiwan in deciding their own future; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in Formosa, the matter of self-determination was mentioned publicly in a campaign, even though the government tried to censor it; and

WHEREAS, the general public in Formosa have come to realize that what the church has been doing is simply trying to fulfill her role as the prophet of the time and the conscience of the society and has spoken out for the welfare of the people in Formosa;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church strongly support the struggle of the Formosan people for their human rights and religious freedom and their right to participate fully in the political processes of their country, and that the General Conference write to President Chiang Chin-Kuo of the Republic of China, and to the American Institute in Taipei to urge a stop to such brutal oppression of the Formosan Presbyterian Christian brothers and sisters.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church register its disappointment over the government's treatment of the church and arrest of their leader and express its support for the Formosa Presbyterian Church's desire to recover its ties with the internal and ecumenical body of the World Council of Churches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all the General Conference delegates be requested to communicate with their respective government officials to vote their concerns for the right of the Formosan people to dissent and to have the right of religious freedom, and that all delegates support the Church in Formosa with their prayers because the church there is still suffering.

Report No. 112

Petitions: CS1236
Subject: Christian Communities
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1226, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 113

Petitions: CS1788
Subject: Financial Grants
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 78; For 61; Against 16; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1227, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 463.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence on the resolution regarding financial grants by United Methodist agencies.

Report No. 113 (Minority)

Petitions: CS1788
Subject: Financial Grants
Date: May 8, 1984
Calendar No. 1228, Defeated May 11, 1984, Journal Page 463.
We recommend concurrence on the following resolution:

When providing financial or other assistance to groups in this country and around the world, in the course of carrying out its mission of social witness, The United Methodist Church and its agencies shall only channel such resources to groups that favor human rights and democratic freedoms including freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of press, and open, fair, and competitive elections.

Exceptions may be made in cases where 1) such groups are the only available means for providing emergency humanitarian aid to victims of floods, war, famine, droughts, earthquakes, and other such natural or man-made disasters; or 2) such groups are unwillingly controlled by a government.

Scott Smith, James Dolliver, Frank Bean, William W. Roughton, Prentiss Gordon, Sr., Stacy Myers, J. D. Dixon, Hugo S. Sims, Bob Parker, Hank Carroll, June Goldman, John Sherrer, James N. Thompson, W. Hamp Watson, Jr., Anita Owen Fenstermacher.

Report No. 114

Petitions: CS1466, CS1471, CS1473, CS1476, CS1497, CS1503, CS1504, CS1546, CS1632, CS1653, CS1657, CS1689, CS1753,

CS1758, CS1759, CS1827, CS1837, CS1843
Subject: Human Rights and Related Subjects
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1229, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The issues have been covered in resolutions adopted earlier.

Report No. 115

Petitions: CS1472
Subject: Rights of Persons with Handicapping Conditions
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1230, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. This issue has been covered by other action.

Report No. 116

Petitions: CS1464, CS1790, CS1588
Subject: DNA Research
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1231, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends referral to the General Board of Church and Society.

Report No. 117

Petitions: CS1667, CS1668, CS1455, CS1467, CS1707
Subject: Varied Social and Economic Justice Issues
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 111; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1232, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 495.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The issues have been dealt with in other actions.

Report No. 118

Petitions: CS1580-1581
Subject: Arab-Israeli Conflict
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 111; Present 75; For 69; Against 2; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 1233, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May

11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

The Middle East continues to be the location of some of the most serious international conflicts facing the world today. Though the area includes the birthplaces of three historically linked religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—its problems are not primarily religious but ones of conflicting national and class interests.

Iran and Iraq are at war; the Kurdish people's aspirations to national self-determination remain unfulfilled; Lebanon, already torn by years of civil strife and the presence of Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) forces, now suffers from the effects of invasion by Israel. It is still occupied and its territorial and national integrity remain threatened. Any timely or effective proposal for peace must take seriously the complexity of the entire Middle East.

For two quadrennia the General Conference of The United Methodist Church has given attention to the serious problems of the Middle East. Two aspects demand the continued concern of the church: The Arab-Israeli conflict, and the homelessness of the Palestinian people.

The Historical Context. The long history of oppression suffered by Jews—especially in the Western world—prompted nineteenth century European Jewish leaders to seek a Jewish homeland. Some urged return to the land which held so much historic national and religious significance. The oppression culminated in the Nazi holocaust and the extermination of millions of persons. Spurred by the holocaust and the unwillingness of nations to open their borders to Jewish refugees, the State of Israel was born. From its creation in 1947 as a result of the United Nations Partition Resolution to the present, Israel has lived in a state of war with Arab nations hostile to its existence. Continuing and resurgent anti-Semitism, together with fears of a second holocaust, have given "The Land" new theological, political and pragmatic meaning to many Jews around the world.

The Arabs of Palestine and the surrounding region, emerging from centuries of Ottoman colonial rule, aspired to independence which was thwarted by the establishment of British and French authority over the area in the wake of World War I. The 1948 U.N. Partition Resolution had also promised an Arab state in Palestine, but was rejected as inadequate by Arab leadership.

The resulting conflict between the armies of Israel and the Arab states displaced and dispossessed large numbers of Palestinian Arabs. In the wake of the fighting, Israel occupied territory beyond that allotted to it by the partition plan, and Egypt and Jordan occupied what remained of the territory.

From 1948 to the present, the Palestinian Arab people, among whom are Christian brothers and sisters, have suffered in many ways. Those who were dispossessed and are in exile suffer from deprivation in refugee camps, violence and repression. In the Occupied Territories, the effects of military rule and the continuing establishment of Israeli settlements on expropriated Arab land has led to increased tensions between Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews. Palestinians remain in the state of Israel as citizens, but suffer political and economic discrimination, especially with regard to ownership of land and homes. These conditions have rendered reconciliation between the two peoples more difficult.

The signing of a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel in 1979 was welcomed by many as a sign of and a first step toward an overall peace. Others warned that this separate agreement would make comprehensive peace more difficult to realize. Similar hopes and fears exist as a consequence of the 1983 peace accord between Lebanon and Israel. However well-intentioned, peace initiatives so far have either ignored the Palestinians' aspirations to statehood, or have not had the opportunity to bear fruit. All such initiatives have been flawed by the refusal to allow Palestinians to speak on their own behalf. Thus, they have failed to achieve their objectives—security for Israel, self-determination for the Palestinians, peace for the region. Consequently, both the Israeli Jews and the Palestinian Arabs still live under conditions of instability and insecurity.

The Search for Peace. Integral to the solution of the Middle East conflict is the recognition of the right to self-determination of both the Israelis and the Palestinians. This recognition demands our affirmation of the right of the State of Israel to exist and our support for the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination within historic Palestine, including the option of a sovereign state apart from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Both entities would be expected to pursue non-discriminatory policies towards domestic minorities.

We call for peace initiatives which are comprehensive. We affirm the continuing efforts of the United Nations to maintain peace and resolve the conflict. We affirm the courage of leaders who are willing to take the risk for peace. We condemn persistent conditions which perpetuate injustice and armed conflict and

recognize that true peace must meet the needs of both the Israeli Jews and the Palestinian Arabs. We affirm those forces and voices in Israel, the Arab world, and the United States—Jews, Christians, and Muslims—who have been in the forefront of the struggle for a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

We call upon the Arab nations to commit themselves, singly and together, to a course of peace with Israel. And we call upon the PLO leadership to offer its own bold and creative initiatives toward peace through some combination of the following: cessation of hostilities against Israel, a public statement of its commitment to a peaceful solution, and an explicit recognition of the right of Israel to exist. We also call upon the government of Israel to commit itself to a course that will lead to a just and peaceful resolution of Palestinian aspirations, through some combination of the following: cessation of policies of annexation, land expropriation, expulsions, collective punishment, and a freeze on settlements in the Occupied Territories, especially in the West Bank; a willingness to be in discussion with the PLO as a representative voice for the Palestinians; and a public openness to a democratic process by which the Palestinian people can move toward national self-determination.

With an urgency for the sovereignty of Lebanon, both its territory and its government, we affirm Israel's stated intention to withdraw from Lebanon and call for a similar disengagement of Syria and the disarming of remaining PLO forces. A similar urgency about the integrity of the Lebanese-Israeli border demands that we call upon Israel to respect it and to refrain from the use and support of secessionist forces within Lebanon. We urge the government of Lebanon to ensure that southern Lebanon no longer be used as a base for attacks upon Israel. We call for the exchange or release of prisoners seized during and since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, particularly the thousands held by Israel, the Lebanese army and various private militias.

As territorial compromise is a necessary factor in any peaceful settlement, we affirm Israel's return of the Sinai to Egypt as part of the Egyptian-Israeli peace process, we urge the demilitarization of the Golan Heights, and we consider the realization of Palestinian self-determination on the West Bank and Gaza Strip vital to a comprehensive peace.

The United States and the Arab-Israeli Conflict. The United States, the U.S.S.R., and other nations have become increasingly involved in the Middle East politicially, economically and militarily, and it is incumbent upon the churches and their members to examine critically the reasons for and implications of such involvement. The Middle East, as a whole, remains an arena

of a furious arms race. The supply of weaponry provided to Israel and its Arab neighbors continues to escalate and makes true and lasting peace more difficult to achieve. There is a danger that the arms race in general will have an adverse effect on the possibility of achieving an overall solution. The use and re-export of U.S. weapons in violation of treaty regulations that specify that these arms are not for offensive use and not for re-export raise concern about the continued U.S. supply of weapons.

Therefore, we urge the President of the United States through his reports to Congress and his executive powers to ensure that the U.S. laws governing the sale or grant of weapons be effectively and immediately applied in light of the extensive use of U.S. supplied arms throughout the region. We further urge the President to initiate a U.S. embargo on arms to the entire Middle East, and to seek similar action from the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom, France, and other suppliers.

We urge United States citizens and the U.S. government instead to support increased levels of funding for programs in the Middle East designed to meet basic human needs.

We call on the U.S. government and others, in line with the precedent established by the U.N. Security Council in 1976 and the general tone of the Soviet-American statement on the Middle East in 1977, to engage in discussions with the PLO with the aim of furthering the peace process.

We reaffirm the need for governmental officials to seek an overall solution within a multilateral context, rather than pursuing narrow self-interest which may set states against one another and increase the isolation of the insecure and dispossessed.

The United Methodist Church. We urge that United Methodist members, local churches, and agencies take the following specific actions:

1) Pray for peace in the Middle East—in personal and corporate worship.

2) Request that the governments outside the region not fund the militarization of any state in the Middle East, but rather improve levels of funding to meet basic human needs, and organize action programs at all levels to oppose the continuing flow of arms from all sources to the Middle East.

3) Affirm and continue the support of United Methodist members, local churches, and annual conferences of church-related programs of relief to refugees, reconstruction and development through the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, and the programs of the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, and the Middle East Council of Churches.

4) Resist simplistic theologies, both in the Middle East and the U.S., which would either support uncritically Israeli policies on the grounds of exclusive claims to "The Land" or seek to deny the living covenantal relationship of God with Jews through its supposed supersedure by a new covenant.

5) Reject stereotypes of both Jews and Arabs as racist and instead seek opportunities to heighten sensitivity and increase awareness, out of which can grow a greater appreciation for the beliefs and values of Jews, Muslims, and Christians of Middle Eastern churches.

6) Participate in and promote educational programs aimed at helping United Methodists understand the intricacies of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Specific action should include:

a) Initiation of programs involving increased contact with and among Christians, Muslims, and Jews from the Middle East.

b) Encouragement of all leaders of and participants in "Holy Land Tours" to contact indigenous Christian leaders in the Middle East, and to hear the concerns of both the Israelis and Palestinians who live there, as well as visit the Biblical and historical sites.

c) Evaluation of the treatment of the conflict in United Methodist curricula and media.

d) Collaboration of appropriate boards and agencies to develop a packet of educational program materials.

e) Development of denominational participation in ecumenical and interreligious networks to raise consciousness, provide information about the Middle East, and to stimulate action to promote peace in the Middle East.

Report No. 119

Petitions: CS1596

Subject: Free Flow of Information Among All Peoples of the Earth

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 75; For 74; Against 1; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1234, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 465.* The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

Free Flow of Information Among All Peoples of the Earth

In the international arena there is widespread discussion of what is known as the "new world information and communication order." The discussion involves the worldwide flow of information in the light of such factors as governmental restraints, multina-

tional commercial communication enterprises, and the modern technology of communication. The church has a witness to bear upon these issues.

1. The Scriptural Base. Scripture is replete with demands for freedom, truth, justice, and fair treatment of others.

The Old Testament records how, in the early history of the Hebrew people, God's law demanded truth, honesty, and equity. In the great nineteenth chapter of Leviticus God calls for equal treatment of the powerless (v. 15), for love and fair dealing toward the sojourner or stranger (v. 33-4), and for truth and honesty in all dealings (v. 35-6). The Ten Commandments forbid false witness (Deut. 5:20).

The prophets called for justice and righteousness. Amos gave God's word: "Let justice roll down like waters" (5:24). Micah declared that the Lord required of humans "to do justly and to love mercy" (6:8).

In the New Testament Jesus both demands and promises truth and freedom. In John's Gospel he says, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (8:31-2). In the synoptic gospels he commands respect for others, especially those who are weak. Each person's responsibility toward the "little ones" (Matt. 18:5-6; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2) may be seen also as a responsibility toward the powerless. By example he was an advocate for persons on the margins of society.

Paul, as he wrote the Galatians about freedom in Christ, called his readers to enjoy and use their freedom, but to use it as an opportunity to serve others (5:13-15).

As Christians of today we seek to apply these biblical concepts to the opportunities and problems of the modern media.

2. Our Historic Witness. The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations have a long history of defending freedom of religion, freedom of expression, and the rights of persons who are powerless because of political or economic conditions. This concern found expression in the original (1908) "Social Creed" and successor documents down to the present Social Principles, including today a specific call for freedom of information and protection of the people's right for access to the communication media (Section V). The concern is raised in actions of the 1980 General Conference as recorded in *The Book of Resolutions*. The resolution on Church-Government relations (pp. 45ff.) urges Christians to participate meaningfully in public affairs. The Resolution on the Church in a Mass Media Culture (pp. 62ff.) declares that channels of communication "must operate in open, humanizing ways." In the Resolution on Open Meetings

(p. 170) the church demands of itself the high standard of openness that it commends to others. *The Book of Discipline* instructs one of the church agencies to "work toward promotion and protection of the historic freedoms of religion and the press" (Par. 1106.5).

3. Problems in the Flow of Information. Nowhere in the world do people have full and free access to information about people and events elsewhere. Even in the United States, with a tradition of press freedom and constitutional guarantees, our view of the world is circumscribed by what is selected for us by newspaper and news magazine editors and radio/television news producers. A study of datelines in newspaper stories quickly reveals that most of the news pertains to our own country or Europe, and that news from countries elsewhere is likely to be filtered through Western conduits.

Persons in many countries, especially in developing nations, feel that they seldom have the opportunity to express themselves, or even describe themselves, in their own words and on their own terms. They feel that they are seen mainly through the eyes of foreigners—usually reporters for the commercial news services of Europe and North America.

Many persons live in countries where newspapers and broadcast news are controlled by governments. In many countries there is outright censorship. Some governments use the mass media for political purposes.

Modern technology, especially computer-based communications and transmission by satellite, makes global communications possible on a scale and with an immediacy never possible before. But the cost is beyond the reach of all but the most affluent countries or corporations. Those who control communication technology have the power to determine what is known about others. The same technology makes it possible to treat information as a commodity to be bought and sold, to be shared or withheld for payment or consideration.

In the United States the broadcast and print media increasingly have turned viewers and readers into a product to be delivered to the sponsors. As a result, the media's goal becomes to reach and hold the largest possible audience, regardless of other journalistic objectives.

These, and other related concerns, demand serious thought in all countries, especially those countries that have the power to create and control the media of communication. The light of the Christian Gospel must be applied to these questions.

4. Statement of Principles. In view of inequities in the flow of information among the peoples of the world, and in the light of

our own understanding of the Gospel, we state these principles:

▶ All peoples of Earth have a right to free flow of information.

▶ Peoples have a right to originate information and make statements about themselves in terms of their own culture and self-view.

▶ Journalists must be given access to information within their own countries and across international frontiers.

▶ Journalists have a responsibility for accuracy and fairness in all that they write, photograph, edit, publish or broadcast. Part of this responsibility includes cross-cultural sensitivity and awareness as well as freedom from language bias.

▶ The licensing of publications or of journalists violates freedom.

▶ Information is a human right and not only a commodity to be bought and sold. (However, those who gather, edit and transmit information are entitled to fair rewards for their efforts.)

▶ Every citizen has a right to be informed in order to participate in politics intelligently.

▶ Censorship by governments or by those who control news media is abhorrent and should not be permitted; neither should there be legal restrictions to the free flow of information. The withholding of information for security reasons must be limited by publicly-stated guidelines.

▶ Readers and viewers in every land have a right to a broad view of the world, drawing upon multiple sources of information.

▶ The churches should be primary advocates for a free flow of information and diversity of sources. The churches should oppose the practice of those persons and systems which use media for purposes of human exploitation, political control, or excessive private profit.

5. **Recommended Actions.** This resolution is commended to the churches and to individual United Methodists for study and action, such as monitoring local and national media and legislation and instituting appropriate follow-up. Dialog with journalists, publishers and broadcasters is recommended.

The United Methodist Church must ensure that, in its own communications, persons of other countries and cultures speak for themselves.

Individuals, local churches, and local church groups are urged to join with other Christians in their communities in study and action on the issues and principles stated in this resolution.

The results of local study may indicate suggestions to local media. Recommendations may be made to representatives in local, state or national government. Viewpoints may be registered also with governmental agencies, such as the Federal

Communications Commission, and with intergovernmental or international agencies.

General agencies of the church, particularly United Methodist Communications, the Board of Church and Society and the Board of Global Ministries, are directed to provide coordinated resources and guides for study and action.

Report No. 120

Petitions: CS1606, CS1613
Subject: The Philippines
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 111; Present 74; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1235, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 482.
The committee concurs with the resolution:

The Philippines

President Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law in the Philippines in September, 1972. Democratic processes were dismantled. Opposition parties, free elections, Congress and the constitutional rights of citizens such as freedom of speech, press, and assembly were abolished. More than 60,000 persons have been unjustly arrested and detained. Most were held without charges and denied due process of law. Many were tortured or maltreated.

The Filipino people are being victimized by unjust and oppressive economic structures that benefit only a few and keep the vast majority of the people impoverished. They are ruled by a repressive political regime that has robbed them of their rights and human dignity. Although martial law was abolished in 1981, its most oppressive decrees were incorporated into constitutional law in 1976. Democratic processes to change those laws do not exist.

The Marcos government is supported by the United States government. Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of guns, tanks and bombs are paid by the United States in exchange for rental of military bases at Clark and Subic in Luzon. Under the guise of maintaining law and order, the Marcos government utilizes United States-supplied weapons to intimidate and silence dissent, and to maim and kill others who oppose or resist it.

Workers in the Philippines are exploited and their rights severely violated while foreign transnational corporations amass wealth through this exploitation. Land is taken away from farmers for the benefit of transnational plantation corporations. Through support for the Marcos regime, the United States

government subordinates the human rights of over 50 million Filipinos to the economic interests of a corporate few and to perceived United States strategic interests.

Many of our brothers and sisters in Philippines' churches have responded to the evangelical challenge to work for peace through justice in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed. These persons have been the targets of harassments, arbitrary arrests, illegal detention, false charges, torture, disappearances, and political killings.

We deplore the tragic political murder of former Philippine Senator Benigno Aquino within minutes after his return to the Philippines. The circumstances of the murder raise serious questions about the credibility of the Marcos government. Senator Aquino's death and others once again raise our awareness of the many human rights violations against those in the Philippines who are struggling for a more genuinely democratic and just society.

Our Christian faith calls us to affirm the dignity and worth of every human being. In our understanding of the above we:

1. Express our continuing support and solidarity with our Philippine brothers and sisters who are struggling for self-determination and a just and democratic society.

2. Call on the United States government:

a) to uphold its historic concern for the right of self-determination of the Filipino people.

b) to desist from all forms of military intervention.

c) to develop diplomatic, business and banking policies that would discourage economic exploitation.

d) to oppose the dictatorial policies of the present Philippine government.

3. Strongly urge all governments to withhold all economic and military support from the Marcos government while it continues to violate human rights.

Report No. 121

Petitions: CS1591

Subject: Economic Justice

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 75; For 61; Against 13; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1249, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.

The committee recommends referral to the General Board of Church and Society of the resolution on:

Economic Justice

Scripture and Economics. Economics refers to the manner by which societies, domestically and internationally, employ scarce productive resources and distribute the resulting products for use among various people and groups.

Scripture and the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church teach that the systems and organizations utilized to accomplish these economic tasks are always under the judgment of God. Economic systems and organizations exist as instruments to help create a just society where men and women of all races and nationalities live as equals. The vision of God's justice calls for an international economy that generates mutual decision-making about use of scarce resources, common effort in the processes of production, and a humane distribution of goods that always gives priority to the poor.

However, because the economic dimension of life often is the focus of extraordinary power, it tends to become an end in itself imposing its values of acquisition and self-interest onto the entire society. People and organizations with economic authority tend to use that authority for their own aggrandizement and power rather than for the common benefit of all.

These are the propensities that come under judgment. Moses and the prophets demand that society establish an economy that will restrain the acquisitiveness of the rich and guarantee justice for the poor. In the New Testament, not only is this prophetic demand reiterated, Jesus goes on further and calls his disciples into a personal involvement with the poor even if contrary to the disciples' own self-interest. Scripture requires that economic structures foster justice and that class inequalities give way to community.

Witness. The church, in both poor and rich nations cannot let these patterns of economic behavior go uncontested. A witness must be raised that calls for economic forces to serve the purposes of justice and community. This witness would emphasize the following:

A. The resources of raw materials, land, capital, and technology are not exclusive properties of a few, but part of the stewardship of all people. Therefore those resources must in the first place be used to meet the basic needs of all persons for food, shelter, clothing, health, education, and work.

B. New structures must be established to hold international corporations accountable for their products and conduct both at national and international levels.

C. The decision-making process of large corporations and

banks must be restructured to provide for worker and public participation.

D. Profits and benefits created by production must be distributed on a more equal basis among owners, management, labor, and the community.

E. Investments in military weaponry must be converted to investment in industries that produce for human need.

F. Labor is an expression of human creativity and produces the goods and services needed for society. Therefore labor policies should recognize the worth and dignity of each individual worker by giving priority to full employment, adequate wages, decent working conditions and participation in decision-making.

Action

A. In order to equip United Methodists to act for economic justice, we call upon the United Methodist Boards of Church and Society, Discipleship, and Global Ministries to:

1) Develop study materials on economic systems and the role of work in the fulfillment of human needs.

2) Research and develop study material about the disproportionate burden of underemployment and unemployment among women, youth, and minorities.

B. We call upon the United Methodist Council of Bishops to convene a special United Methodist Task Force on Economic Concerns. This Task Force is to engage in a serious study of economics and economic systems. It shall obtain accurate information on various economic systems, including their strengths and weaknesses.

Members of the Task Force shall include, but not be limited to, members of the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of Pensions and the General Council on Finance and Administration. It shall also include representatives from the Council of Bishops, social ethicists, and others who have specialized training in economics, labor, agriculture, development and business.

The Task Force shall prepare a report and a general policy statement for submission to the 1988 General Conference. It shall also suggest methods for a discussion within all levels of the church on the matter of economics, economic systems and their relationship to the mission of the church.

C. We call on the entire church to continue its traditional support of labor as it seeks through collective bargaining, worker ownership, joint labor-management ventures, self-management and other methods to participate in decision-making of transnational corporations and conglomerates.

D. We commit our church and ourselves to work for:

1) Reduction of expenditures going to the military.

2) Increased investment in human development and creation of meaningful jobs.

3) Development of new structures of accountability for transnational corporations.

Report No. 122

Petitions: CS1841

Subject: America's Native People

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1250, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.*

The committee recommends reaffirmation of the statement in the *Book of Resolutions* on The United Methodist Church and America's native people.

Report No. 123

Petitions: CS1829

Subject: Permanency of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 2. *Calendar No. 1251, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.*

The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Western Jurisdiction Native American Council (WJNAC) of the United Methodist Church supports the permanency of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs—Senate Resolution 127—as part of the United States Senate structure; and

WHEREAS, the Council (WJNAC) are Native Americans who are active members of local Native American United Methodist Churches within the Western Jurisdiction, this resolution affirms and is in compliance with our goal to strengthen leadership, educate and see to the needs of our Indian communities; and

WHEREAS, this Council (WJNAC) realizes the devastating impact on Native American Indian legislation if Senate committee jurisdiction is transferred or divided among the Senate Energy, Senate Labor and Human Resource Committee or Sub-committee; and

WHEREAS, immediate action to convey to the U.S. Government via local officials, State government, U.S. House of

Representatives, and the U.S. Senate from the Western Jurisdiction Native American Council, the Regional, National (UMC) as constituents the importance that the Senate Select Committee remain intact and permanent (sic);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Conference does hereby support the passage or enactment of S.R. 127.

FURTHER, we direct the Secretary of the General Conference to immediately communicate this position to the members of the Senate and to the Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs;

FINALLY, we direct that the General Board of Church and Society will follow up this resolution with continuing advocacy.

Report No. 124

Petitions: CS1761
Subject: Oppose Prayer in Public Schools
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1252, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The statement in the Social Principles is not altered.

Report No. 125

Petitions: CS1617
Subject: U.S.—China Political Relationships
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 111; Present 77; For 51; Against 22; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 1253, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 466.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

United States—China Political Relations

Our Political Understandings. In late 1978 the governments of the United States (U.S.) and the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) reached agreement establishing full diplomatic relations. The United States ended official relations—diplomatic and military—with the authorities on Taiwan. (In March 1979 the United States Congress passed the Taiwan Relations Act putting U.S. relations with Taiwan on an unofficial basis.) The United States recognized the People's Republic of China as the 'sole legal government of China,' but reserved the right over P.R.C. objections to sell "defensive" weapons to Taiwan. At the time of normalization the P.R.C. refused to rule out the possibility of reunifying with the island of Taiwan by force, but offered to allow

Taiwan to maintain the political, economic, and military status quo if Taiwan were to recognize P.R.C. sovereignty.

This normalization agreement ended a 30-year period in which formal American commitments to the authorities on Taiwan blocked closer relations with the People's Republic of China. It laid the foundations for framework of cooperation and exchanges which continues to develop. Highlights include:

- Government-to-government agreements covering consular relations and embassies, civil aviation, scientific and technical cooperation, educational exchange, trade and credit, fisheries and a wide range of other fields
- Substantial expansion of tourism and specialized visits
- Educational programs facilitating nearly 10,500 scholars and teachers (10,000 Chinese; 500 Americans) to be resident in the other country
- Numerous governmental and private institutional exchange agreements in education, the fine and performing arts, cinema, publishing, etc.
- Sister state-province and city-to-city agreements calling for various kinds of cooperation
- Increased two-way trade
- Discussions at the highest governmental levels about strategic and military concerns and cooperation

The rapid growth and elaboration of these bilateral relations have been unusual and, to many, unexpected. While the direction is generally positive and the initial results heartening, the relationship is still in its early stages. Because the P.R.C. and U.S. systems are so different, translating worthwhile goals into concrete practice has often been difficult.

Fundamentally, the two countries have yet to determine what kind of long-term relationship they want. Misperceptions and misunderstandings are all too commonplace on both sides, even on basic principles.

As a case in point, the two sides had sharp disagreements during 1981 and 1982 over the issue of continuing U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. By August, 1982, Washington and Beijing had clarified their understanding on this question: the P.R.C. stated that its "fundamental policy" was to "strive for peaceful reunification" with Taiwan. In that context, the U.S. government pledged not to increase and in fact to reduce its sale of arms to Taiwan. But this agreement only holds in abeyance a resolution of the Taiwan issue.

Recommendations on U.S.—China Political Relations

The United Methodist Church:

1. Affirms the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China as an important step toward mutual cooperation and understanding and toward world peace.

2. Advocates that the U.S. government, in accordance with the Joint Communique of December, 1978, should continue to deal with the people of Taiwan on an unofficial basis.

3. Recognizes the necessity for China to continue its economic and social development and urges U.S. cooperation to that end within the context of Chinese independence and selfhood.

4. Feels the long-term basis of U.S.-China relations should emphasize people-to-people, educational, social, and economic cooperation based on mutual understanding and benefit, not short-term or expedient military or strategic interests; expresses deep concern about the anti-Soviet rationale used to explain U.S.-P.R.C. relations; opposes the sale of U.S. military equipment to the P.R.C.

5. Endorses a peaceful approach to ending the long-standing conflict between the governments in the People's Republic of China and in Taiwan while recognizing that the resolution of the status of Taiwan is a matter for the Chinese people themselves, and in that context supports the continued reduction and early cessation of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

6. Declares our continuing concern regarding the human rights of all people on both sides of the Taiwan Straits.

7. Recognizes that U.S.-P.R.C. relations have an important influence on the peace and stability of the Asian region, particularly in Southeast Asia; and urges both the U.S. and the People's Republic of China to seek peaceful means to contribute to the peace and stability of the region.

Report No. 126

Petitions: CS1549

Subject: Nuclear-Free Pacific

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 72; Against 3; Not Voting 1. *Calendar No. 1254, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.*

The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

The United Methodist Church affirms its commitment to a nuclear-free Pacific. As Christian people committed to steward-

ship, justice and peacemaking, we oppose and condemn the use of the Pacific for tests, storage, and transportation of nuclear weapons and weapons delivery systems and the disposal of radioactive wastes. We further affirm the right of all indigenous people to control their health and well-being.

Report No. 127

Petitions: CS1603, CS1604
Subject: Korea
Date: (not reported by committee)
Membership 111; Present 77; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 1. *Calendar No. 1255, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 468.*
We recommend concurrence with the resolution:

Korea

In 1984, two centuries of Catholic mission and one century of Protestant mission in Korea will be celebrated. This history of this period is filled with the heroic martyrdoms of scores of Korean Christians faithful to their God in the face of persecution and injustice, and the admirable witness of hundreds of missionaries under conditions of hostility, suspicion, and cultural isolation. The blood of these martyrs and witnesses has seeded a church firm and strong in the faith and active with evangelical and prophetic fervor to witness in today's world.

Yet the suffering of the church in Korea has not ended. The global confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union has divided the land, the people, and the churches of Korea. Peoples in the north have been without the freedom to worship openly since the founding of the Kim II Sung regime in 1948. In the south a succession of dictatorial regimes has limited and divided the church by an anti-communist ideology that perverts its integrity and destroys its autonomy. Today, a military-dominated political system continues to persecute those who minister to the poor, the silenced, the imprisoned and the tortured just as it persecutes others who speak out for the restoration of democracy and respect for human dignity.

The Korean Methodist Church has spoken about its "deep concern that the unjust powers of tyranny in our land must go no further in trampling upon the dignity of human beings who have been created in the image of God."[1]

We support this conviction and prayerfully join in this struggle:

1. We call on United Methodists and other Christians

[1] Statement, Board of Missions, Executive Committee, the Korean Methodist Church, June 30, 1983.

throughout the world to join in prayerful reflection upon the centenary of Protestant mission and bicentennial of Catholic mission in Korea, celebrating God's presence with the church and people in Korea, expressing gratitude for the growth of the church in numbers and faithfulness, and imploring God's abiding sustenance to the people of Korea in their struggle to realize the justice and freedom which is their due as the sons and daughters of their Creator.

2. Because the United States, as the primary nation involved in the formation of the Republic of Korea, has a unique responsibility for the flourishing of genuine representative government there, and has supported its governments with military and economic aid, we call on the U.S. government to increase diplomatic efforts to restore democratic government to Korea.

3. We call on the governments of both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to restore institutions of representative government as a basis for dialogue leading toward the ending of hostility and mutual fear and the eventual reunification of Korea.

Report No. 128

Petitions: CS1004, CS1363, CS1550-CS1558, CS1561, CS1564-CS1572, CS1619, CS1629, CS1635, CS1652, CS1664, CS1674, CS1685, CS1694, CS1721, CS1726, CS1731, CS1734, CS1739, CS1745, CS1756, CS1779, CS1786, CS1789, CS1832, CS1846, CS1847, CS1863, CS-GM1069

Subject: Various Topics Related to Peace and World Order

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1256, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 196, 196.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The topics are covered in the *Book of Resolutions* and in previous actions of this General Conference.

Report No. 129

Petitions: CS1631

Subject: Advocacy for the Poor

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 77; For 73; Against 4; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1257, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 161, 196.

The committee recommends concurrence with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, we recognize the harsh reality of the serious crisis facing a large segment of our society, and are confronted with the fact that there have been billions of dollars in federal cutbacks borne by the poor, which have resulted in tremendous suffering and hardship for millions of women, men, children, elderly, and families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the pastoral letter from the Council of Bishops, November 14, 1982, called us "As Christians . . . to acknowledge that implicit in the faith of the church is a mandate for action; it is not enough to experience deep distress over the plight of the hungry and hopeless victims of the economic crisis." The gospel demands that we manifest our love for Christ through our efforts to relieve the suffering of those who are without food and shelter, who live under the burden of the current economic catastrophe and increasing social injustices; and

WHEREAS, the private sector has been unable and/or unwilling to respond effectively to the needs of the poor and oppressed people in our communities;

THEREFORE, in solidarity with the pastoral letter from the Council of Bishops, we call upon The United Methodist Church, at all levels, to be a reconciling force in this time of economic distress and to be an advocate for the poor and oppressed people of all nations, acting with a sense of justice, compassion, understanding, and God's presence.

WE FURTHERMORE call upon members and congregations of The United Methodist Church to work to influence public policies which will bring about greater economic justice.

Report No. 130

Petitions: CS1547
Subject: The Right to Employment
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 111; Present 75; For 58; Against 14; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1258, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends addition to ¶ 74.A "Basic Freedoms," at the end of the first sentence, of the words **and meaningful employment.**

Report No. 131

Petitions: CS1687
Subject: U.S. Tax Code
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 111; Present 75; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1259, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.

The committee recommends that the following proposal be referred to the General Board of Church and Society:

¶ 73 of the *Book of Discipline* should be amended to include a new section H:

H) The U.S. tax code should be critically examined and changed so that the tax burden more equitably falls on those corporations and individuals most able to bear it. Tax incentives for corporations and wealthy individuals which permit non-productive loopholes to exist ought to be closed. Tax incentives should not be transferrable and for sale. Future changes in the tax code ought to work for the benefit of the least advantaged in our society rather than the most privileged.

Report No. 132

Petitions: CS1714

Subject: Military School in Puerto Rico

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1260, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.*

The committee recommends referral of the following resolution to the General Board of Church and Society:

WHEREAS, the super powers are in an uncontrollable arms race for nuclear power which denies the elemental human rights of people; and

WHEREAS, the militarization of Puerto Rico has a negative impact on Latin America and the Caribbean nations; and

WHEREAS, the prophets exhort us to convert our instruments of war into instruments of labor, and tell us "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit; said the Lord of hosts;" and

WHEREAS, we proclaim Christ as the Prince of Peace; and

WHEREAS, it is being sought that the Military School of the Americas be transferred to Puerto Rico and that other military efforts be activated on the island, using Puerto Rico as a strategic base to defend political and economic interests which are foreign to Puerto Rico;

BE IT RESOLVED that The United Methodist Church affirm its commitment to peace and reject the transfer of the Military School of the Americas to Puerto Rico and oppose all efforts that threaten the unity and peace of Latin America.

Report No. 133

Petitions: CS1701

Subject: Hispanic Community and U.S. Economic Policy

Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 111; Present 76; For 63; Against 11; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1261, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.
The committee recommends referral of the following resolution to the General Board of Church and Society:

Scripture and the Social Principles teach that all economic systems are under the judgment of God. Economics refers to the manner by which societies, domestically and internationally, employ scarce productive resources and distribute the resulting products for use among various people and groups.

Moses and the prophets demand that society establish an economy that will restrain the acquisitiveness of the rich and guarantee justice for the poor.

In the New Testament, not only is this prophetic demand reiterated, but Jesus goes further and calls his disciples into a personal involvement with the poor. Scripture requires that economic structures foster justice.

Economic systems and organizations need to be seen as instruments of God. Economic systems and organizations exist as instruments to help create a just society where men and women of all races and nationalities live as equals. The vision of God's justice calls for an international economic order that generates mutual decision-making about use of scarce resources, common effort in the process of production and a humane distribution of goods that always gives priority to the poor.

The Church's Concern for the Poor. The United Methodist Council of Bishops in their May, 1983, meeting declared their concern for the "increasing contrast between those who live in affluence and those experiencing widespread deprivation, hunger, unemployment and human despair . . ." They further noted that "the unemployed worker and the one out of seven persons dependent upon public assistance are caught up in the grip of a public policy which transfers benefits to the rich at the expense of the poor . . ."

The bishops' statements echo the Biblical witness as well as the Wesleyan tradition of denunciation of social evils.

The United Methodist heritage of active involvement in movements for social justice, which is embodied in the Social Creed as well as the Social Principles, clearly commits this denomination to oppose social policy that enriches the few at the expense of the many. As the national organization of Hispanic United Methodists, MARCHA (Methodists Representing the Hispanic American Cause) challenges United Methodism to re-assert its role as a church which denounces the forces which

dispossess and destroy the poor, and to offer ministries of compassion to the victims of such forces.

As United Methodists we are constantly reminded by Hispanic brothers and sisters in unemployment lines, at cheese distribution centers, in inner-city soup kitchens and other places, that we must challenge and change social policies which threaten their dignity and survival. We would urge The United Methodist Church to examine itself, its own life and mission. How is it advocating for the rights of the poor and the unemployed? How is it raising the consciousness level (conscientizando) of its membership to the plight of the elderly and others on fixed income in this economic climate? How is it enabling affirmative action with respect to ethnic minorities in its own institutions?

Only by ordering our own house can we begin to speak with real moral authority to the centers of power which are wreaking havoc in our families and communities. The bishops have spoken to this by calling for "appropriate response from the church to the crisis, including direct services to the distressed and advocacy for public policies which benefit the hungry and the unemployed . . ."

We therefore make the following resolution and recommendations:

As The United Methodist Church, we oppose the current administration's budget priorities which stress a military build-up at the expense of basic services to the poor, elderly, and persons with handicapping conditions.

We support a federal budget that gives priority to programs and initiatives for adequate health and human services to all citizens.

We oppose current tax policies which place disproportionate burdens on the poor and middle income families while granting increased tax benefits to the affluent.

We support reforms in federal tax policy that distribute the tax burden evenly and fairly.

We oppose the administration's retreat on affirmative action and the cutbacks in employment programs directed to Hispanics and other minorities.

We support the vigorous enforcement of the equal employment opportunity laws and implementation of the Humphrey-Hawkins full employment act.

We oppose the "new federalism" proposals which place the decision-making on resources for services to Hispanics and other minorities in the hands of the states, most of whom have been among the most unresponsive units of government to Hispanic needs.

We favor a greater role for the Federal government in the

administration of funding and programs that are directed to Hispanics and other minorities.

We oppose U.S. monetary policy which creates greater economic dependency in Latin American nations with corresponding underdevelopment, poverty and the uprooting of millions of poor.

We oppose the so-called Caribbean initiative which will ensure more exploitation of labor and natural resources by the transnational corporations with little direct benefit to the poor in affected nations.

Therefore we recommend that the General Conference:

1. Call on United Methodists to be advocates of those "who suffer unfairly from the economic crisis" and to provide "pastoral presence for persons and families in the midst of crisis";

2. Direct the General Board of Church and Society to give priority in its advocacy role to federal legislation for economic development programs that will assist the Hispanics and other minorities.

3. Direct United Methodist agencies, institutions and local churches to a renewed public commitment to affirmative action in their employment practices.

4. Direct its general agencies to develop investment policies which contribute to the economic development of Hispanic communities.

5. Contribute generously to the "General Advance Special on Community Economic Crisis" and the "General Advance Special on Community Economic Development" funds for use in community economic development in areas of high unemployment, e.g. inner cities, Southwest border cities, and others.

6. Communicate to the U.S. government, through all available channels, to move toward the economic policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean that is based on "the right and duty of the people of developing nations to determine their own destiny" (Social Principles VI.B).

Report No. 134

Petitions: CS1488, CS1545, CS1783, CS1840

Subject: Farm Workers and Campbell Soup Company

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1262, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.

The committee recommends that the issues raised in these petitions be referred to the General Board of Church and Society.

Report No. 135

Petitions: CS1470, CS1481, CS1483, CS1484, CS1485, CS1486, CS1490, CS1541, CS1548, CS1684, CS1702, CS1763, CS1773, CS1798, CS1826

Subject: Various Issues of Social and Economic Justice

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1263, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 136

Petitions: CS-AD1067, CS-MN1101, CS1097

Subject: Issues of Homosexuality

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1264, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The material has been covered by other actions.

Report No. 137

Petitions: CS1582

Subject: Christian Faith and Disarmament

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1265, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 465.

The committee reconsidered its earlier action, Report No. 82, and now recommends deletion of Section 8 from the resolution on "Christian Faith and Disarmament."

(Editor's note: Report No. 82, as printed, reflects this deletion.)

Report No. 138

Subject: Human Hunger

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 73; Against 3; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1266, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 462.

The committee reconsidered its previous action, Report No. 62, and now recommends deletion of item 2 from the conclusions in the report, "Human Hunger."

(Editor's note: Report No. 62, as printed, reflects this deletion.)

Report No. 139

Subject: AIDS

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 111; Present 76; For 73; Against 3; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1267, Referred to General Board of Church and Society, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 484.*

The committee reconsidered its earlier action on AIDS (Calendar No. 0459) and now recommends concurrence with the following substitute statement:

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

WHEREAS, in the last several years a new medical syndrome has been designated as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), for which there is currently no identifiable cure;

WHEREAS, AIDS has been identified as a disease of epidemic proportions by the Center for Disease Control, with rapidly increasing worldwide statistics and a high mortality rate;

WHEREAS, many of the cases thus far reported are within the gay male community, with secondary statistics citing women, Haitian immigrants, and hemophiliacs. It is important for the church to be reminded of its advocacy role for homosexuals as cited in the 1980 *Discipline*, ¶ 71:

"Homosexual persons no less than heterosexual persons are individuals of sacred worth, who need the ministry and guidance of the church in their struggle for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship which enables reconciling relationships with God, with others and with self";

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has received a 50 percent cut in funds from the 1980 proposed budget for all areas of research;

WHEREAS, the initial incidence of AIDS had been concentrated among particular groups, the disease has attacked persons of various lifestyles, races, religions, and national origins.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The United Methodist Church:

1. Become advocates of God's justice by expressing the concerns of The United Methodist Church regarding the immensity and complexity of this growing epidemic.

2. Urge the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress to provide the National Institutes of Health and the Center for Disease Control with increased funds and a higher priority for research and information on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and AIDS-related diseases.

3. Request the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to inform the President, members of the U.S. Congress, the National Institutes of Health and the Center for Disease Control, through the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist

Church and the conference secretaries of each annual conference of this action.

4. Encourage the public news services to provide wider dissemination of the responsible information concerning AIDS through the public media, both printed and audiovisual, the churches, and the medical-professional community.

5. And request the General Board of Church and Society and other agencies of the general church to monitor this issue and to be an advocate for public information and humane policies concerning AIDS.

COMMITTEE NO. 2

CONFERENCES

Jerry G. Bray, Jr., Chairperson; *Sharon Z. Rader,* Vice-chairperson; *Wallace H. Kirby,* Secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 113-115.

Report No. 1

Petitions: CN1122
Subject: Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 85; For 78; Against 7; Not Voting 1.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor).
Calendar No. 34, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 448.
The legislative committee recommends that the present Par. 607 of the *Discipline* be retained and rejects the proposed substitution of new Par. 607 by the Task Force to Study General Conference Procedures.
(Editor's note: The proposed Par. 607 as recommended by the Task Force to Study General Conference Procedures was printed in Advance Edition E of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate*, page E-21.)

Report No. 2

Petitions: CN1113
Subject: Equal Status of All Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 86; For 83; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor).
Calendar No. 35, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 3

Petitions: CN1120, CN1125, CN1124, CN1160
Subject: Retain Present Method of Petitioning General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 85; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 36, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 496.
The legislative committee recommended nonconcurrence, since the matter is already taken care of in the *Discipline* ¶ 607.

Report No. 4

Petitions: CN1119
Subject: Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 86; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 37, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 5

Petitions: CN1118
Subject: Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 86; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 38, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 6

Petitions: CN1112
Subject: Directions for Petitions
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 85; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 39, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 7

Petitions: CN1111
Subject: Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 85; For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 40, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 8

Petitions: CN1081
Subject: Petitions to Have Approval of Annual Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 85; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 41, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 9

Petitions: CN1117
Subject: Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 86; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 42, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 10

Petitions: CN1114, CN1115, CN1116
Subject: Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 86; For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 84, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 11

Petitions: CN1074
Subject: Responsibilities of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership: Vote not recorded.
Calendar No. 181, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 447-448.
The committee votes concurrence on ¶ 507.1 as revised:

In the *Book of Discipline*, p. 239, line 3, ¶ 507.1, following "bishops have been consulted," delete: *A bishop shall not be recommended for assignment to the same residence for more than eight consecutive years. For strategic missional reasons only, a Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy on a two-thirds vote may recommend one additional four-year term in the same area.* And insert: **A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for a third quadrennium only if the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy, on a two-thirds vote, determines such assignment to be in the best interests of the Jurisdiction.**

(This legislation to be effective at the close of the 1984 General Conference.)

Report No. 12

Petitions: CN1138
Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 70; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 182, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends deleting the last paragraph of *Discipline* ¶ 622.1. The deleted paragraph reads as follows:

For purposes of transition, the members of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy elected at the Jurisdictional Conference of 1980 shall constitute the Jurisdictional Committee to serve through the Jurisdictional Conference of 1984.

Report No. 13

Petitions: CN1165
Subject: New Episcopal Areas
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 183, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 14

Petitions: CN1058
Subject: Bishop Assigned to One Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 184, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 15

Petitions: CN1059
Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 64; Against 6; Not Voting 4.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor).
Calendar No. 185, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 16

Petitions: CN-FA1050
Subject: Definition of Powers of General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 186, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 374.
The committee recommends the addition of a new ¶ before present ¶ 601 to read as follows:

¶ 600. Definition of Powers.—**The General Conference has full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional (see ¶ 15, Division Two, section II, Article IV, The Constitution). It has no executive or administrative power.**

Report No. 17

Petitions: CN1062, CN1063
Subject: Election of Bishops
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 187, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 18

Petitions: CN1177
Subject: Investigate Need for Continuation of Jurisdictional System
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 188, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 19

Petitions: CN1080
Subject: General Conference Legislative Committee
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 74; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 189, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 449.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence on proposed Par. 608 as recommended by the Task Force to Study General Conference Procedures.

(Editor's note: The paragraph proposed by the Task Force was printed in Advance Edition E of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate,* pages E20-E21.)

Report No. 20

Petitions: CN1079
Subject: Commission to Study Feasibility of Central Meeting Center
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 190, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 21

Petitions: CN1086
Subject: Use Standard English in Discipline
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 191, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 22

Petitions: CN1019, CN1020
Subject: Meeting of General Conference Every Six or Eight Years
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 192, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 23

Petitions: CN1173
Subject: Eliminate Parasites from UMC
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 193, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 24

Petitions: CN1170
Subject: Change Anything That Needs To Be Changed
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 194, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 25

Petitions: CN1126, CN1127
Subject: Delete Statement on Voting By Orders
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 71; Against 3; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 195, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 448.
The legislative committee voted concurrence on deleting *Discipline* ¶ 608.

¶ 608. Voting by Orders.—The ministerial and lay members shall deliberate as one body and have equal rights. They shall vote as one body, but a separate vote shall be taken on any question when requested by one-third of either order of delegates present and voting. In all cases of separate voting it shall require the concurrence of a majority of each order to adopt a proposed measure. However, in the case of changes in the Constitution, a vote of two-thirds of the General Conference, as provided in the Constitution, shall be required.

Report No. 26

Petitions: CN1030, CN1034, CN1041, CN1042
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Memberhip 89; Present 75; For 73; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 196, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 27

Petitions: CN1029
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 197, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 28

Petitions: CN1027
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 73; For 45; Against 26; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 198, Adopted by a ⅔ majority May 11, 1984, Journal Page 446.
The legislative committee recommends adding "**diaconal ministers**" to ¶ 36, Article 1, between the words "each charge, . . . the conference president," so that it reads: "The Annual Conference shall be composed of ministerial members as defined by the General Conference, together with a lay member elected by each charge, **the diaconal ministers,** the conference president of United Methodist Women," (continue as in *Discipline*).

Report No. 29

Petitions: CN1001
Subject: Equality of All Conferences

Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 199, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 30

Petitions: CN1002
Subject: Equality of All Conferences
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 200, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 31

Petitions: CN1084
Subject: Study Jurisdictional Structure
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 52; Against 22; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 201, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 447.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 32

Petitions: CN1134, CN1135, CN1136, CN1137
Subject: Composition of Jurisdictional Conferences
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 202, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 33

Petitions: CN1064
Subject: Tenure of Bishops
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 72; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 203, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 34

Petitions: CN1109, CN1088
Subject: Bishops to Have Voice and Vote in General Conference
Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 89; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 204, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 35

Petitions: CN1071, CN1072
Subject: Responsibilities of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 205, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 36

Petitions: CN1070, CN1065, CN1066
Subject: Assignment of Bishops
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 206, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 37

Petitions: CN1069, CN-MN1600
Subject: Twelve-Year Tenure for Bishops
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 207, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 38

Petitions: CN1157
Subject: Provide for Jurisdictional Youth Coordinator
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 72; For 68; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 208, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The legislative committee recommends amending ¶ 632 by adding the following paragraph after the first paragraph, thereby making it the second paragraph, with present paragraphs following in succession:

There shall be a Jurisdictional Youth Coordinator who shall be accountable to the Jurisdictional Council on Ministries and

the Jurisdictional Youth Organization. This coordinator may or may not be the same person as the adult representative to the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee (provided for in ¶ 1401). This decision is to be determined by the representatives of the Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization Convocation, or the Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization Caucus.

Report No. 39

Petitions: CN1075

Subject: Episcopal Vacancies

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 89; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 209, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.

The legislative committee recommends the addition of a new paragraph as follows, with present ¶¶ 508ff. renumbered:

¶ 508. Vacancy in the Office of Bishop. A vacancy in the office of bishop may occur due to death, retirement, (¶ 508.1, 508.2, 508.3), resignation (¶ 508.4), judicial procedure (¶ 2624.2), or disability (¶ 508.3.). In case assignment of a bishop to presidential supervision of an episcopal area is terminated by any of the above causes, the vacancy shall be filled by the Council of Bishops on nomination of the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction concerned; or, if the vacancy should occur within twenty-four months of the episcopal assumption of presidential supervision of that area, the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction concerned may call a special session of the Jurisdictional Conference, as provided in ¶ 619.2.

Report No. 40

Petitions: CN1156

Subject: Membership Requirement for NYMO Steering Committee

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 89; Present 72; For 68; Against 3; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 210, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.

The legislative committee recommends amending ¶ 632 by adding the words after the third sentence, to read:

". . . It is recommended that at least two members from each annual conference be racial/ethnic minority persons. **Youth shall be a member (full or preparatory) of The United Methodist Church. . .**"

Report No. 41

Petitions: CN1155
Subject: Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization Convocation
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 211, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 632, the sixth line of the second paragraph by deleting the word *seventeen* and adding the word **sixteen,** to read:

Youth shall be **sixteen** years of age entering into the eleventh grade or younger; if not in school their age shall be sixteen or under at the time of their selection.

Report No. 42

Petitions: CN1154
Subject: Jurisdictional Program Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 212, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268, 496.
The legislative committee recommends amending present ¶ 629 to read as follows:

In each jurisdiction there may be jurisdictional program agencies related to the general program agencies **and the appropriate annual conference program agencies** organized as the Jurisdictional Conference shall determine.

Report No. 43

Petitions: CN1153
Subject: Jurisdictional Council on Programs
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 72; For 62; Against 10; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 213, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The legislative committee recommends amending present ¶ 628 by substituting the word **programs** for *ministries* to read as follows:

In each jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church there may be a Jurisdictional Council on Ministries organized as the jurisdiction shall determine and with the authority to coordinate the *ministries* **programs** of the general agencies within the jurisdiction.

Report No. 44

Petitions: CN1152
Subject: Older Adults in Jurisdictional Conference Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 72; For 65; Against 6; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 214, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The legislative committee recommends adding to the last sentence of ¶ 627 the words "**older adults**" following the words "young adults." The last sentence would then read:

"Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth, young adults, **older adults,** persons with handicapping conditions, and racial and ethnic minority persons."

Report No. 45

Petitions: CN1151
Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 215, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The legislative committee recommends deleting the last sentence of present ¶ 626.1 which reads: "*This paragraph is effective May 1, 1980.*"

Report No. 46

Petitions: CN1198
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 54; For 30; Against 9; Not Voting 15.
Calendar No. 277, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 47

Petitions: CN1025, CN1083
Subject: Jurisdictional Conference Meeting Site
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 55; Against 17; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 278, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 450.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 47 (Minority)

Petitions: CN1025, CN1083
Subject: Jurisdictional Conference Meeting Site
Date: May 3, 1984

Calendar No. 279, Ruled out of order May 11, 1984, Journal Page 450.

Minority Report in defense of proposal.

Whereas: The Jurisdictional System of The United Methodist Church was born out of an era responding to pressures not felt with the same intensities or implications of the present, and

Whereas: Experience has revealed some elements of jurisdictional operations to be fruitful whilst others may be unnecessary and outmoded, and

Whereas: Present economic conditions force appraisal of the high costs of multiple large-scale conferences with high delegate membership involvement, and

Whereas: A reassessment of the process and involvement in the election of members to the episcopacy in such a manner would enhance episcopal leadership with emphasis to their being consecrated to the general church;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the following procedural changes be effected:

1. Jurisdictional Conferences shall be retained in identity but shall be convened at the site of the General Conference.

2. The delegation elected to the membership of the General Conference shall be comprised of the same delegates meeting jurisdictionally for their respective Jurisdictional Conferences.

3. That Bishops elected by Jurisdictions shall be consecrated as a part of the activity of the General Conference.

4. That the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy be stimulated into its intended function to examine the appointment of episcopal leadership across the whole church.

And that such be accomplished by the following suggested changes within the *Book of Discipline:*

1. Delete ¶ 25, Article IV of the Constitution, and substitute the following: "Each Jurisdictional Conference shall meet at the site chosen for the sessions of the General Conference being convened in the same year. The Jurisdictional Conference shall be convened three days prior to the opening date of the General Conference and shall meet at such other times during the General Conference as determined by the General Conference."

2. Retain the first sentence of ¶ 38, Article III of the Constitution, and delete the remainder so as to read:

"The Annual Conference shall elect ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V. The persons elected in accordance with the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall also comprise the membership of the various

Jurisdictional Conferences. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the Central Conference, who, together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates to the Central Conference. These additional delegates to the Central Conference shall in order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The Annual Conference shall also elect reserve ministerial and lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences as it may deem advisable."

3. Retain the first sentence of ¶ 613 of the *Book of Discipline* and delete the remainder of the paragraph:

"The membership of each Jurisdictional Conference shall consist of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates elected by the Annual Conference as provided in the *Discipline*. The delegates shall be those same persons elected to the membership of the General Conference on the ratios established in the *Book of Discipline* for such membership. These delegates shall meet in accordance with their separate Jurisdictional patterns.'

4. Retain ¶ 616 of the *Book of Discipline* but substituting "General" for "Jurisdictional" in the third line and deleting the phrase "or by its properly constituted committee" so that the paragraph reads:

"Each Jurisdictional Conference shall meet within the period prescribed by the Constitution at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding General Conference."

5. Retain ¶ 618 of the *Book of Discipline* but with the insertion of the word "per diem" so that the paragraph reads:

"The Jurisdictional Conference shall provide for the per diem expenses of its sessions."

6. Delete ¶ 506.2c and substitute the following:

"c. Consecration of bishops newly elected at the Jurisdictional Conferences shall take place at the opening session of the immediately succeeding General Conference. The consecration service may include bishops from Central Conferences and representatives from other Christian Communions."

7. Retain ¶ 507 but with the deletion of the word "September" in the second paragraph and substitute the word "July" so that the sentence reads:

"The effective date of assignment for all bishops is July 1, following the Jurisdictional Conference."

8. Retain ¶ 611.1 with the following adjustments:

a. Delete the first sentence and substitute the words: "There shall be an Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy consisting of the persons elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences to serve on the several Jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy."

b. In the third sentence of the paragraph strike the phrase "at the forthcoming Jurisdictional Conference."

9. Retain ¶ 508 but with the deletion of the date "August 31" in ¶ 508.1 substituting the date "July 1."

J. Kenneth Forbes, Paul V. Chaffee, Glenn Kohlhepp, Frank H. Nestler, William T. Staubach, Jr., Kenneth H. Plummer, Sr., Jane Hurtt, Thomas P. Moore, Thomas L. Cromwell, Leigh M. Roberts, George G. Hunter, III, David H. Andrews, Basil H. Lorch, Jr., Sharon Z. Rader, Harold C. Knudsen, John T. Shettle, Reto T. Barto, Chester W. Vanderbilt.

Report No. 48

Petitions: CN1038

Subject: Composition of Annual Conference

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 89; Present 75; For 40; Against 28; Not Voting 7.

Calendar No. 280, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 447.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 49

Petitions: CN1209

Subject: Voting Rights of Lay Members of the Annual Conference

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 89; Present 74; For 45; Against 26; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 281, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 376.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 49 (Minority)

Petitions: CN1209

Subject: Voting Rights of Lay Membership of the Annual Conferences

Date: May 5, 1984

Calendar No. 548, Defeated May 9, 1984, Journal Page 376.

¶ 37, Article II, be amended by deleting the following, after the word "Constitution" in line 8, add . and delete *with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.*

The first sentence will then read: "The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers and such other rights as have

not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution."

¶ 701.4. be amended by deleting the following, in line 6, after the words "on all committees except" *those on ministerial relations and*

The paragraph shall then read: "The lay members of the Annual Conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures except on the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ministers. Lay members shall serve on all committees except for the trial of ministers."

¶ 704.5. be amended by deleting in line 8, after the words "one report to the bishop and the conference" *in open session; provided that the conference or the bishop may order an executive session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relations.*

The paragraph shall then read: "The Annual Conference shall make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its ministers. In response to the inquiry whether all ministerial members of the conference are blameless in their life and official administration, the district superintendent may answer for all the preachers in the district in one answer, or the Board of Ordained Ministry may make inquiry of each district superintendent about each minister in the district and make one report to the bishop and the conference."

¶ 723.1. be amended by adding a new second sentence, line 5, following the words "shall be a woman." **At least three laypersons, with voice but not vote, shall also be elected by the Annual Conference to serve on the Board.**

The paragraph shall then read: "Each Annual Conference at the first session following the General Conference shall elect for a term of four years a Board of Ordained Ministry consisting of not fewer than six ministers in full connection, and where possible at least one shall be a woman. At least three laypersons, with voice but not vote, shall also be elected by the Annual Conference to serve on the board. The board membership should seek to reflect the racial and ethnic character of the conference. Where there is a Board of Higher Education and Ministry, there shall be a Division of Ordained Ministry."

(This action on ¶¶ 701.4, 704.5, and 723.1 shall be effective immediately.)

Leigh M. Roberts, Fritz Mutti, John J. Shettle, Thomas P. Moore, David H. Andrews, Jane Hurtt, George N. Hundley, Dight M. Crain, John Lundy, Nell Beezley, Chester W.

Vanderbilt, Sharon Z. Rader, Reta T. Barto, Beverly J. Abbott, Rena Sandidge, Ken Plummer, Sr., Harry R. Kent.

Report No. 50

Petitions: CN1031, CN1032, CN1040
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 282, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 51

Petitions: CN1045, CN1046
Subject: Voting Rights of Lay Members
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 73; For 67; Against 6; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 283, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 52

Petitions: CN1049, CN1051
Subject: Election of General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 284, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 53

Petitions: CN1047, CN1048
Subject: Procedure for Electing Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 285, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 54

Petitions: CN1053, CN1054
Subject: Method of Election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 286, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 55

Petitions: CN1166
Subject: Revise ¶ 660, Missionary Conferences
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 287, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 446.
The committee recommends the revision of ¶ 660 by adding and deleting the words indicated below:

Missionary Conferences shall have the same rights as those given to the Central Conferences in ¶ *640.9-10* ¶ **638.9-10** to make such changes and adaptations regarding the ministry and ordination of **ordained** ministers **and the consecration of diaconal ministers** as the effective use of indigenous leadership in the Missionary Conference may require; provided that no action shall be taken which is contrary to the Constitution and the General Rules of The United Methodist Church.

Report No. 56

Petitions: CN1050, CN1052
Subject: Electing of Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 77; For 42; Against 35; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 288, Defeated May 11, 1984, Journal Page 482.
The committee recommends the revision of ¶ 39 by adding and deleting the words indicated below:

The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members in full connection, **associate members, probationary members, and local pastors serving under full time appointment** with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference, provided that such delegates shall have been traveling preachers **or under full time appointment** in *the constituent churches forming this union or in* The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election and are in full connection, **or under full time appointment** with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

Report No. 57

Petitions: CN1233, CN1235
Subject: Older Adults in Annual Conference Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 516, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 706.4, line 5, by adding following the words "young adults," **older adults.**

Report No. 58

Petitions: CN1033
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 51; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 517, No action taken.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 36, by adding in line 6, following the words "the conference lay leader," **the president of the conference young adult organization.**

Report No. 59

Petitions: CN1014, CN1018
Subject: Size of General Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 518, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 60

Petitions: CN1011
Subject: Composition of General Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 519, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 61

Petitions: CN1004, CN1005, CN1006, CN1007, CN1008, CN1012, CN1013, CN1102
Subject: Composition of General Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 520, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 62

Petitions: CN1130
Subject: General Conference Resolutions to be Valid for Quadrennium
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 521, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 63

Petitions: CN1085
Subject: Two-Thirds Vote For Approval of Resolutions by General Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 522, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 64

Petitions: CN1082
Subject: Preface to Book of Resolutions
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 523, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 65

Petitions: CN1015
Subject: Election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates
Date: May 5, 1984
Memberhip 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 524, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 66

Petitions: CN1016
Subject: Tenure of Jurisdictional Delegates
Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 525, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 67

Petitions: CN1110
Subject: Rules of Order
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 80; For 69; Against 10; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 526, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 68

Petitions: CN1009
Subject: Composition of General Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 75; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 527, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 69

Petitions: CN1128, CN1129, CN1131, CN1133
Subject: Editing the Book of Resolutions
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 528, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 610.2a as follows:

¶ 610.2a. Resolutions and positions adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church are valid until they are specifically rescinded, amended or superseded by action of subsequent sessions of the General Conference. All valid resolutions and positions of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, beginning with those adopted by the 1968 Uniting Conference, shall be **listed** *indexed* in each edition of the *Book of Resolutions*. **There shall be a complete subject index to all valid resolutions of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in each edition of the *Book of Resolutions*.**

The committee recommends amending ¶ 610.2c as follows:

¶ 610.2c. *The Standing General Commission on Communication* **The United Methodist Publishing House** shall have

responsibility for the editing of the Book of Resolutions. The book shall contain *only those* **all valid** resolutions and/or study documents **of the** *which the most recent* General Conference. *approved and authorized for printing in the Book of Resolutions.*

Report No. 70

Petitions: CN1162
Subject: Organization of Missionary Conferences
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 47; Against 1; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 529, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 658.1 by adding and deleting as follows:

¶ 658.1. The College of Bishops shall provide episcopal supervision for any Missionary Conference(s) within its jurisdictional boundaries as are organized. The bishop thus placed in charge and having episcopal supervision within the respective episcopal area, in cooperation with the General Board of Global Ministries, shall appoint a conference superintendent and/or district superintendents. *Such appointment(s) shall comply with limitations on years of service as found in ¶ 516.* **Such conference and/or district superintendent(s) shall be (an) elder(s), and may not be appointed for more than eight years. Years of service may be either consecutive or non-consecutive. Years of service as a conference and/or district superintendent in a Missionary Conference shall be counted toward the total of twelve years permitted in a regular Annual Conference (¶ 516).**

Report No. 71

Petitions: CN1089
Subject: Composition of General Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 530, No action taken.
The committee recommends a new ¶ 601 to read as follows:

Delegates from Affiliated Methodist and United Churches and from Other Methodist Churches. Delegates from affiliated autonomous Methodist and United Churches which have a covenant of relationship with The United Methodist Church, and delegates from other Methodist Churches which have a concordat agreement with The United Methodist Church, clergy and lay, shall be seated in the General Conference without vote, in accordance with ¶¶ 12.2, 648.3, 650, and 651.

Such delegates shall not be included in the maximum number referred to in ¶ 12, Article I, sub-division 1.

The representation from the Methodist Church in Great Britain shall be according to ¶ 12, Article I, sub-division 3. The representation from the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas and the Methodist Church in Mexico shall be in accord with ¶ 651.4a, which gives voice and vote in relation to existing concordats.

Report No. 72

Petitions: CN1106
Subject: Election of General Conference Delegates
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 49; For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 531, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 73

Petitions: CN1090-1098, CN1101, CN1103, CN1104
Subject: Composition of General and Jurisdictional Conferences
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 49; For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 532, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 74

Petitions: CN1100, CN1107, CN1108, CN1017
Subject: Reduce Size of General Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 533, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 75

Petitions: CN1099
Subject: Membership in General Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 54; For 53; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 534, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 76

Petitions: CN1242
Subject: Composition of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 65; For 57; Against 3; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 535, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 77

Petitions: CN1055, CN1061
Subject: Boundaries between Jurisdictions
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 536, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 78

Petitions: CN1026
Subject: Boundaries between Annual Conferences
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 56; For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 537, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 79

Petitions: CN1067, CN1068, CN1073, CN1143
Subject: Boundaries of Episcopal Areas
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 538, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 80

Petitions: CN1150
Subject: Responsibility of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 539, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 81

Petitions: CN1148, CN1149

Subject: Responsibility of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy to Consult

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 89; Present 48; For 46; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 540, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.

The committee recommends that ¶ 622.3f be amended by deleting the first three words: *Receive reports from* and replace with **Consult with**

The paragraph shall then read:

Consult with the conference Committees on Episcopacy with respect to the needs for episcopal leadership and how best they can be fulfilled.

Report No. 82

Petitions: CN1145

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

Date: May 5, 1984

Memberhip 89; Present 66; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 541, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 375.

The committee recommends that the following paragraph be substituted for ¶ 622.1 which would then read as follows:

¶ 622. Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. 1. There shall be a Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy consisting of one ministerial and one lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference from each Annual Conference, elected by the Jurisdictional Conference upon nomination of their respective Annual Conference delegations.

The committee shall be convened by the president of the College of Bishops at the close of the Jurisdictional Conference to which the delegates have been elected. It shall serve through the succeeding Jurisdictional Conference.

The committee shall elect from its members a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. It shall meet at least biennially.

Should there be a vacancy in an Annual Conference's elected representation on the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy by death, resignation, election to the episcopacy, cessation of membership in the Annual Conference from which one is elected, or in the event that a member on the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy is not re-elected by the Annual Conference as a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference, or for other reasons that the Annual Conference

delegation may determine, the Annual Conference delegation shall nominate another person to fill the vacancy. That person may begin to serve on the committee as a nominee until the Jurisdictional Conference can elect. (The provisions herein stated shall become effective immediately with the close of the 1984 General Conference.)

Report No. 83

Petitions: CN1144
Subject: Expiration of Term of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 46; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 542, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 84

Petitions: CN1140, CN1142
Subject: Convening of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 45; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 543, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 85

Petitions: CN1105
Subject: Composition of General and Jurisdictional Conferences
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 49; For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 544, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 86

Petitions: CN1146, CN1147
Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 545, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 87

Petitions: CN1078

Subject: Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 89; Present 80; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 546, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.

The committee recommends concurrence with Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (Advance DCA, Edition B) as approved by the General Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2, 1984 (see pages 133-164).

Report No. 88

Petitions: CN1076

Subject: Title of Chapter 6, Section 5

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 89; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 547, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.

The committee recommends amending the title of Chapter Six, Section V, as follows:

Section V. Autonomous **Methodist,** Affiliated Autonomous **Methodist** Churches, Affiliated United Churches, and Concordat *Relationships* **Churches.**

Report No. 89

Petitions: CN1241

Subject: Composition of General, Jurisdictional and Central Conferences

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 89; Present 46; For 42; Against 0; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 549, No action taken.

The committee recommends amending ¶ 39, Article IV, by adding and deleting as follows:

39. Article IV.—The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members in full connection with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference; provided that such delegates shall have been *traveling preachers* **ministerial members in full connection** in the constituent churches forming this union or in The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election and are in full connection with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

Report No. 90

Petitions: CN1139, CN1141
Subject: Convening the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 64; For 43; Against 20; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 550, No action taken.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 91

Petitions: CN1175, CN1176
Subject: Establish Annual and District Council on Older Adult Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 551, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 92

Petitions: CN1172
Subject: Conference Youth Organization
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 552, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 93

Petitions: CN1174
Subject: Eliminate Parsonage System
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 553, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 94

Petitions: CN1212
Subject: Composition of Conference Committee on Episcopacy
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 35; Against 13; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 554, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 448.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 95

Petitions: CN1036, CN1184
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 555, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 96

Petitions: CN1192, CN1199, CN1204, CN1205
Subject: Voting Rights of All Appointed Pastors
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 51; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 556, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 97

Petitions: CN1200
Subject: Ministers' Right to Vote on Compensation
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 51; For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 557, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 98

Petitions: CN-CS1688, CN1169
Subject: Annual Conferences Must Abide by Discipline
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 47; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 558, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 99

Petitions: CN-CC1001
Subject: Creation of a Hispanic Central Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 47; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 559, No action taken.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 100

Petitions: CN1223
Subject: Authority to Order Executive Sessions

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 560, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 101

Petitions: CN1229, CN1238
Subject: Composition of Conference Councils
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 47; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 561, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 102

Petitions: CN1163
Subject: Minimum Salary Waiver for Missionary Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 562, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 103

Petitions: CN1220
Subject: Business of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 563, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 104

Petitions: CN1221
Subject: Business of Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 47; For 47; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 564, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 105

Petitions: CN1224
Subject: Eliminate Provision for Executive Session

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 32; Against 12; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 565, No action taken.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 106

Petitions: CN1183, CN1185-1191, CN1193-1197, CN1208, CN1202, CN1203, CN1206, CN1207, CN1210
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 46; For 33; Against 9; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 566, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 107

Petitions: CN1035, CN1037
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 41; Against 11; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 567, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 447.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 108

Petitions: CN1028, CN1167
Subject: Representatives of Other Denominations at Annual Conference with Voice and Vote
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 50; For 32; Against 17; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 568, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 109

Petitions: CN1218, CN1219
Subject: Additional Requirements for Conference Membership
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 46; For 46; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 569, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 110

Petitions: CN1222
Subject: Annual Conference Have Fellowship and Spiritual Growth

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 45; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 570, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 111

Petitions: CN1230, CN1234
Subject: Flexibility in Annual Conference Structure
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 571, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 496.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 112

Petitions: CN1232
Subject: Location of Conference Meetings
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 44; Against 3; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 572, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 113

Petitions: CN1231
Subject: Composition of Conference Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 573, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 114

Petitions: CN1228
Subject: Membership on Annual Conference Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 47; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 574, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 115

Petitions: CN1227
Subject: Members of General Agencies—Members of Annual Conference Agencies

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 575, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 400, 497.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 706.5 by adding a new sentence, following the words "Conference agency (see ¶ 810.4)" **or its equivalent structure (see ¶ 810.4-.5). If this results in a person being a member of more than one annual conference agency in violation of either annual conference policy or another provision of the Book of Discipline, the person shall choose the annual conference agency on which he or she prefers to serve.**

Report No. 116

Petitions: CN1217
Subject: Powers and Duties of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 47; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 576, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 703.8, by adding after the word "explanation." **Based upon its findings it shall provide counsel to help the church overcome such a deficit position.**

Report No. 117

Petitions: CN1182
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 51; For 42; Against 3; Not Voting 6.
Calendar No. 577, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 446.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 701.2 by adding and deleting as follows:

2. The following shall be seated in the Annual Conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote: part-time and student local pastors; lay missionaries regularly appointed by the General Board of Global Ministries in *fields outside* **nations other than** the United States; **certified lay missionaries from nations other than the United States serving within the bounds of the Annual Conference;** and diaconal ministers serving within the bounds of the Annual Conference. By authorization of a Central Conference national diaconal ministers may be given the same privileges.

Report No. 118

Petitions: CN1164
Subject: Korean Language UM Churches

Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1061, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.

The Korean-American population in the United States is growing rapidly. This growth represents a challenge for evangelism, mission, and a new United Methodist Church development among Korean-Americans. Differences in language, culture, and spiritual needs between Korean-American and mainstream United Methodist churches are noted by the National Association of Korean-American United Methodist Churches. There is urgent need to promote Korean language ministries and new churches at this time.

The committee recommends that the General Conference concur in the present need to establish Korean language ministries and Korean-American United Methodist new church development. To implement such, the committee recommends the following procedural recommendations:

1. The General Conference refers to the General Board of Global Ministries the development of appropriate missional structures (¶ 1529.10) to enable ministries and new church development of Korean language United Methodist churches. Such missional structures shall be renewable on a quadrennial basis.

2. The General Conference refers to the General Board of Global Ministries the responsibility to initiate continuing consultation with the Council or appropriate College of Bishops and the National Association of Korean-American United Methodist Churches. This consultation shall consider appropriate missionary structures to strengthen Korean language ministries and new church development, including the possibility of a missionary conference.

3. The General Board of Global Ministries shall render a progress report to the General Conference at its next official session regarding ministry among the Korean-American United Methodist population.

4. To enable such development, the committee further recommends that ¶ 657 be amended by adding and deleting following the words "leadership requirements," *and* **its strategic regional or language considerations and its** ministerial needs. The General Board of Global Ministries shall provide administrative guidance and major financial assistance including attention to the distinctive property matters.

Report No. 119

Petitions: CN1056
Subject: Transfer of Local Church

Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1062, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 120

Petitions: CN1057
Subject: Deletion of ¶ 46
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 48; For 47; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1063; No action taken.
The committee concurs, and recommends that ¶ 46 be deleted.

Report No. 121

Petitions: CN1087
Subject: Volunteers in Mission Coordinators
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1064, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 122

Petitions: CN1043
Subject: Oppose Local Pastors Considered Laypersons
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1065, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 123

Petitions: CN1201
Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Member to Annual Conference
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1066, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 124

Petitions: CN1214
Subject: Responsibility of Conference Lay Leader

Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 36; Against 9; Not Voting 7.
Calendar No. 1067, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 702.8b by adding following the first four words "The conference lay leader": **shall act as chairperson of the Conference Board of Laity, or its equivalent, and** shall relate . . .

Report No. 125

Petitions: CN1211
Subject: Responsibility of Conference Lay Leader
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 55; For 30; Against 21; Not Voting 1.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor).
Calendar No. 1068, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 702.8a, by adding in line 8, following the words "Conference Council on Ministries," **the Conference Nominating Committee, and may serve on the committee planning annual conference sessions,** and the . . .

The committee recommends amending ¶ 702.8b, by substituting the following new paragraph: (The current ¶ 702.8b would become ¶ 702.8c, and the current ¶ 702.8c would become ¶ 702.8d.)

¶ 702.8b. **Where there is no board of laity or equivalent organization, the lay leader with the approval of the council on ministries may organize a coordinating committee on lay work. The membership may include representatives of groups such as United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth, age level councils and district lay leaders, and such other members as may be desired to support lay work and help coordinate lay activities. In forming such a committee, special attention shall be given to the inclusion of women, men, young adults, persons with a handicapping condition, and racial and ethnic minority persons.**

Report No. 126

Petitions: CN1225
Subject: Responsibility of Conference Lay Leader
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 42; Against 9; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1069, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 704.2 by adding as follows:

The Annual Conference, to expedite the transaction of its business, may adopt an agenda as a basis of its procedure. Such agenda shall be prepared by the bishop, the district superintendents, **the conference lay leader,** and such others as the conference may name, and shall be submitted to the conference for adoption.

Report No. 127

Petitions: CN1226
Subject: Responsibility of Conference Lay Leader
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 36; Against 11; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 1070, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 448.
The committee recommends inserting a new subparagraph 704.5, as follows:

5. The agenda of the Annual Conference may provide time for a "State of the Laity" address which shall be the responsibility of the Conference Lay Leader.

Current subparagraphs 5 and 6 would then be renumbered 6 and 7.

Report No. 128

Petitions: CN1236
Subject: Responsibility of Conference Lay Leader
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 45; Against 5; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1071, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
The committee recommends inserting in ¶ 717.4 the following words:

Executive Committee.—There may be an executive committee which also may serve as the Personnel Committee of the Conference Council on Ministries, consisting of the officers, the bishop, at least one district superintendent chosen by the Cabinet, the director of the council, **the conference lay leader,** the elected representative of the General Council on Ministries, and other members as the council may determine. Approximately one-half of the members of the executive committee shall be laypersons.

Report No. 129

Petitions: CN-AD1019
Subject: Responsibilities of District Council on Ministries
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1072, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.

The committee recommends adding new sections **n)** and **o)** to ¶ 737, as follows:

n) To help congregations attain a higher level of financial giving through The United Methodist Church.

o) To help local churches discover the resources they have for a viable ministry and to find ways to employ these resources in fulfilling our ministry in the local and worldwide community.

Report No. 130

Petitions: CN1132
Subject: Speaking for the Church
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1073, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 131

Petitions: CN1215, CN1216
Subject: Setting Time of Annual Conference
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1074, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 132

Petitions: CN1213
Subject: Duties of Conference Statistician
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 40; Against 10; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1075, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 133

Petitions: CN1044
Subject: Waiver of Voice and Vote
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1076, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 134

Petitions: CN1180

Subject: Organization of District Council on Youth Ministries

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 89; Present 52; For 50; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1077, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.

The committee recommends adding a new ¶ 742, as follows:

Each district of an annual conference may organize a District Council on Youth Ministry.

1. Purpose. The purpose of the District Council on Youth Ministry is defined as follows: to assist local churches in ministry for, with and by junior high, senior high youth more effectively; to serve as a channel of communication and involvement among the youth ministry in the local churches, the Conference Council on Youth Ministry, and the general agencies of the church; to initiate youth programs for the district to influence the total programming of the district and conference as it relates to the concerns and needs of youth and to take primary responsibility for promoting and raising money for the Youth Service Fund.

2. Membership. Each district may determine the membership and the method of election of its District Council on Youth Ministry in consultation with the Conference Council on Youth Ministry. It is recommended that the membership include the following: a) no more than one-third of the membership shall be adults; b) at least 50 percent ratio of nonwhite minority persons, if possible; c) the District Youth Coordinator to be a member by virtue of his/her office; d) representatives on the CCYM.

3. Functions. The functions of the District Council on Youth Ministry may be determined by the Annual Conference Council on Youth Ministry and/or the District Council on Youth Ministry. The following functions may be incorporated in its work:

a) To study the needs of the junior high and senior high youth ministry of the local churches in the district and help them establish and provide more effective ministry in and through the district.

b) To keep local churches informed of the work of the whole church in youth ministry and to challenge each church to full participation.

c) To serve as a two-way channel of communications between the local church youth and the Annual Conference and to assist local church youth in communication with each other.

d) To cooperate with the programming and ministry of the District Council on Ministries as it serves to provide leadership training to persons in the district.

e) To assist in the implementation of the program of the Annual Conference, and particularly of the Annual Conference Council on Youth Ministry.

f) To serve as an advocate for the free expression of youth in the district and local churches of the district.

g) To provide leadership training.

h) To promote, educate, and be a resource to local churches on Youth Service Fund.

i) To participate with the District Superintendent and the Conference Coordinator of Youth Ministry, who shall serve as its advisor. The District Council on Youth Ministry's responsibilities shall include organizing, programming, consulting with local churches and nurturing adult workers with youth in the district.

4. Finances. Each District Council on Youth Ministry, in consultation with the Conference Council on Ministries and the District Council on Ministries, shall determine the method by which it will be financed.

Report No. 135

Petitions: CN1077
Subject: Addition to ¶ 607
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 89; Present 47; For 34; Against 9; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 1078, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 449.
The committee recommends that ¶ 607 be amended by adding a new ¶ 607.6, as follows:

6. Petitions properly submitted by annual conferences, central conferences, jurisdictional conferences, or general boards, agencies or councils of the church and the National Youth Ministries Organization shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the Daily Christian Advocate.

Report No. 136

Petitions: CN-CC-CN1003, CN1010
Subject: Delegates from Other Christian Communions
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 89; Present 76; For 44; Against 32; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1079, No action taken.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 137

Petitions: CN1240
Subject: The Episcopal Address and Laity Address
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 89; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1080, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee receives and refers to the General Council on Ministries for study and appropriate action.

Report No. 138

Petitions: CN1121, CN1123
Subject: Petitions to General Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1081, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 139

Petitions: CN1039
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 89; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1351, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

COMMITTEE NO. 3
DISCIPLESHIP

Robert C. Morgan, Chairperson; Pat Stroman, Vice-chairperson; Elizabeth Sweet, Secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 115-117.

Report No. 1

Petitions: DS1056-DS1062, DS-LC1338, DS-LC1339, DS-LC1340, DS1375

Subject: Lay Speaking

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 109; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 22, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 497.

The committee recommends that ¶¶ 273, 274 and 275 be deleted and substituted for as follows:

¶ *273.1. A lay speaker is a member of a local church who is ready and desirous to serve the Church and who is well informed on the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication. An applicant must be active in the support of his/her local church.*

2. Lay speakers are to serve the church in any way in which the witness of the spoken word inspires the laity to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective churchmanship, including the interpretation or explanation of the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and life of the Church.

3. Through continued study and training, a lay speaker should prepare to undertake one or more of the following functions, giving primary attention to service within the local church.

a) To take initiative in giving assistance and support to the program emphases of the Church and to assist in giving vital leadership to the total work of the Church.

b) To assist in the conduct of worship services and to lead meetings for prayer, study, and discussion when requested by the pastor.

c) To conduct services of worship, present sermons and addresses, and lead meetings for study and training in settings other than those in the local church in which the lay speaker holds membership, when recommended or requested by a pastor or district superintendent.

¶ **273. Local Church Lay Speaker. 1. A lay speaker is a member of a local church or charge who is ready and desirous**

to serve the Church and who is well informed on the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and the life of The United Methodist Church and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership and care giving ministries. An applicant must be active in the support of his/her local church or charge.

2. Lay speakers are to serve the local church or charge in any way in which their witness of leadership and service inspires the laity to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship, including the interpretation of the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the Church.

3. The applicant shall apply in writing for approval to the pastor and the Administrative Board or Administrative Council or Charge Conference of the local church or charge in which he or she holds membership.

a) The applicant shall complete a basic training course for lay speakers recommended by the General Board of Discipleship or an alternate approved by the appropriate committee.

4. Through continued study and training a lay speaker should prepare to undertake one or more of the following functions, giving attention to service within the local church or charge:

a) To take initiative in giving assistance and support to the program emphases of the Church and to assist in giving vital leadership to the total work of the Church.

b) To assist in the conduct of worship services and to lead meetings for prayer, study, and discussion when requested by the pastor.

c) To conduct services of worship, present sermons and addresses, and lead meetings for study and training in the local church or charge in which the lay speaker holds membership, when requested by the pastor.

d) To relate to appropriate committees and work areas in the local church in providing leadership for congregational and community life and fostering care giving ministries.

¶ 274. Certification of Lay Speakers.—1. A candidate may be certified as a lay speaker by the district or conference Committee on Lay Speaking (or other responsible group as the district or conference may determine) after the candidate has:

a) Completed a training course for lay speakers, which may be one recommended by the Board of Discipleship or an alternate approved by the appropriate committee.

b) Made application in writing to the appropriate committee and has been recommended by the pastor and the Administrative Board of the Charge Conference of the local church in which he or she holds membership.

c) Appeared before the appropriate committee for a review of his or her application and a consideration of the responsibilities of a lay speaker.

2. It is recommended that a consecration service be held in the district for persons certified as lay speakers.

¶ 274. Certified Lay Speakers. 1. A candidate may be certified as a lay speaker by the district or conference Committee on Lay Speaking (or other responsible group as the district or conference may determine) after the candidate has:

a) Made application in writing to the appropriate committee and has been recommended by the pastor and the Administrative Board, Administrative Council, or the Charge Conference of the local church in which he or she holds membership.

b) Completed both basic and advanced training courses for lay speakers that have been recommended by the General Board of Discipleship or an alternate approved by the appropriate committee.

c) May appear before the appropriate committee for a review of his or her application and a consideration of the responsibilities of a lay speaker.

2. The certified lay speaker shall continue to serve the local church in the witness of the spoken word and vital leadership service and care giving ministry.

a) By taking initiative in giving assistance and support to the program emphases of the Church.

b) By helping in the conduct of worship services and by leading meetings for prayer, study, and discussion when requested by the pastor.

c) By conducting services of worship, presenting sermons and addresses, and leading meetings for study and training in settings other than those in the local church in which the certified lay speaker holds membership, when recommended or requested by a pastor or district superintendent.

d) By relating to appropriate committees and work areas in the local church, district, and conference in providing leadership for congregational and community life and fostering care giving ministries.

3. It is recommended that a consecration service planned by the district Committee on Lay Speaking be held in the district for persons certified as lay speakers.

¶ 275. Renewal of Certification of Lay Speakers.—1. The certification of a lay speaker shall be reviewed for renewal by the district or conference Committee on Lay Speaking (or other responsible group as the district or conference may determine), after the lay speaker has:

a) Requested in writing the renewal of certification.

b) Submitted an annual report to his or her Charge Conference and the appropriate committee, giving evidence of the satisfactory performance of activities related to the office of lay speaker.

c) Been recommended by the pastor and the Administrative Board or Charge Conference.

d) Completed at least once in every three years an advanced course for lay speakers, which may be one recommended by the Board of Discipleship or an alternate approved by the appropriate committee.

¶ 275. Renewal of Certification of a Certified Lay Speaker. 1. The certification of a certified lay speaker shall be reviewed by the district or conference Committee on Lay Speaking (or other responsible group as the district or conference may determine) after the certified lay speaker has:

a) Requested in writing the renewal of certification.

b) Submitted an annual report to his or her Charge Conference and the appropriate committee, giving evidence of the satisfactory performance of activities related to the office of certified lay speaker.

c) Been recommended by the pastor and the Administrative Board, Administrative Council or Charge Conference.

d) Completed at least once in every three years an advanced course for certified lay speakers, which may be one recommended by the General Board of Discipleship or an alternate approved by appropriate committee.

Report No. 2

Petitions: DS1080, DS1081

Subject: District Lay Leader

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 109; Present 93; For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 23, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497 .*

The committee recommends that ¶ 736 be revised as follows:

1. The district lay leader is the elected leader of the district laity. **The district lay leader shall provide for the training of local church lay leaders for their ministries in the local churches in relation to ¶ 250.1.** The **district** lay leader shall have responsibility for fostering awareness of the role of the laity in

achieving the mission of the Church, and supporting and enabling lay participation in the planning and decision making processes of the district and the local churches in cooperation with the district superintendent and pastor. The **district** lay leader is a member of the district conference and shall be a member of the district Council on Ministries and its executive committee.

Insert new ¶ **736.4** and renumber current *736.4* and *736.5* as **736.5** and **736.6.**

4. With the approval of the district Council on Ministries, the district lay leader may, where there is no district Board of Laity or equivalent organization, organize a coordinating committee on lay work which may include the district lay leader, district president of United Methodist Women, district president of United Methodist Men, district president of United Methodist Youth, district president of United Methodist Young Adults, and where organized the district president of the Older Adult Council, and others as deemed necessary. The district lay leader shall be chairperson of this coordinating committee. In forming such a committee, special attention shall be given to the inclusion of women, men, youth, young adults; persons with a handicapping condition; and racial and ethnic minority persons.

Add new ¶ **736.7:**

7. The district lay leader shall serve on the district and the annual conference Committee on Lay Speaking.

Report No. 3

Petitions: DS1085
Subject: District Lay Leader
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 109; Present 93; For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 24, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
Voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 4

Petitions: DS1023
Subject: Conference Board of Laity
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 109; Present 106; For 55; Against 44; Not Voting 1.
(Note: Vote is printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 25, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 446.
Voted nonconcurrence with proposed disciplinary change.

Report No. 5

Petitions: DS1369

Subject: Stewardship Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 109; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 26, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 497.

The committee recommends that ¶ 1315 be renumbered and amended as follows:

Present order:	Proposed or new sub-paragraph number:	Present order:	Proposed or new sub-paragraph number:
1	1	*8*	10
2	2	*9*	11
3	4	*10*	12
4	5	*11*	8
5	6	*12*	14 (new)
6	7	*13*	3
7	9	*14*	13

Amend ¶ 1315.3 as follows:

3. To communicate and work cooperatively with *other* **the boards and** agencies *in* whose programs **include** the subject matter of stewardship *should be included* and **any interagency groups.**

Amend ¶ 1315.5 as follows:

5. To provide education, counsel, resourcing, and training for the local church stewardship work area chairperson, Commission on Stewardship, **Board of Trustees,** Committee on Finance, Committee on Finance chairperson, financial secretaries, and treasurers and to develop program resources and training materials for use with and by the above-named persons and/or groups (see ¶ 907.11). Matters relating to procedures involving official records, forms, and reporting of finances shall be the responsibility of the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Amend ¶ 1315.6 as follows:

6. To develop strategies, *and* provide resources, **and implement actions** which *will* lead to a continuing improvement in the level of giving of United Methodists in providing adequate support for the mission of the Church.

Amend ¶ 1315.7 as follows:

7. To encourage United Methodists to provide for their continued participation in World Service, or in one or more of the World Service agencies, in Annual Conference, district, and local church programs, and in other humanitarian causes, through **current and planned giving,** special gifts, estate planning, wills, and foundations.

Amend ¶ 1315.8 as follows:

8. To furnish counsel and guidance to associations such as the **National** Association of United Methodist Foundations and the **National** Association of Stewardship Leaders.

Amend ¶ 1315.9 as follows:

9. To counsel in the area of stewardship **and finance** with jurisdictional and Annual Conference program agencies relative to their organizational program responsibilities and assist them in their interpretation of program and resources.

Add new ¶ 1315.14 as follows:

14. To furnish counsel and resources to conference and area foundations as they fulfill their stewardship functions.

Report No. 6

Petitions: DS1355
Subject: Investment Policies of General Board of Discipleship
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 109; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 27, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 497.
The committee recommends that ¶ 1306.2 be revised as follows:

2. The board shall have authority to receive and administer funds, gifts, or bequests that may be committed to it for any portion of its work and to solicit, establish and administer any special funds that may be found necessary for the carrying out of its plans and policies in accordance with ¶ 911.3. **In the investment of any funds, the board shall adhere to the specific investment guidelines adopted by the General Conference.**

Report No. 7

Petitions: DS-LC1004
Subject: Establishing Monastic Community
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 105; For 86; Against 18; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 28, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 445.

The committee approves the concept of the following petition and recommends that it be referred to the General Board of Discipleship for study.

Whereas, in the past several years there has been an increasingly widespread interest in the recovery of the tradition of spiritual formation on the part of both lay and ordained members of the Church; and

Whereas, there is a need in our United Methodist Church to better ground our outreach programs (Christian education, evangelism, and social concern) in the disciplines of personal and corporate prayer, study of the scriptures, spiritual reading, and spiritual formation;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church establish and adequately fund a special task group or an appropriate agency of the general church to work with other Christian churches toward the establishment of an ecumenical monastic community; and

Be It Further Resolved that such a community be open to all interested persons whether lay, ordained, married or single; and

Be It Further Resolved that such a community have as its mission the service of the larger Church through:

1. Providing a model and resources for the spiritual formation of all in the Church;

2. Entering into cooperation with our seminaries to provide special opportunities for the spiritual formation of ministerial students;

3. Serving as a member to the whole Church concerning the importance of a spirituality which is both contemplative and active, both pastoral and prophetic.

Report No. 8

Petitions: DS1392

Subject: Church School Curriculum for Small Membership Churches

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 109; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 29, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 497.

Resolution passed as written:

Church School Curriculum for Small Membership Churches

Be It Resolved that the Boards of Discipleship and Publication, through the Curriculum Resources Committee, develop church

curriculum materials appropriate for churches which have only one children's, one youth, and one adult class, including clear instructions for use by teachers; and

Further Be It Resolved that such curriculum materials take into account the cultural/social life experiences of town and rural, urban, ethnic, and other such groupings of the United Methodist churches of small membership, including illustrations, photographs, and language that will reinforce learning experiences in these small membership churches; and

Further Be It Resolved that these materials be intentionally biblically centered, appeal to the pluralism of The United Methodist Church, and present in a clear and positive manner the role of small membership churches within the ministry and mission of The United Methodist Church; and

Finally Be It Resolved that the committee(s) responsible for preparation of curriculum materials consult with representatives from the town and country, urban, and ethnic networks.

Report No. 9

Petitions: DS1350, DS1349

Subject: General Board of Discipleship and Cooperative Parishes

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 30, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 497.

Unanimous concurrence as follows: Amend ¶ 1302 by adding a new .9 and renumbering the paragraphs which follow. ¶ 1302.9 will read as follows: **To develop and provide organizational, written and consultative resources for cooperative parish ministries (see ¶ 206) in consultation with appropriate units of other boards and to interpret how local church programming can be enriched by participating in a cooperative ministry.**

Report No. 10

Petitions: DS1389

Subject: Developing Curriculum Resources for Small Membership Churches

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 109; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 31, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 497.

Nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 9.

Report No. 11

Petitions: DS1099
Subject: Curriculum Titles for Confirmation Materials
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 32, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 497.
Unanimous nonconcurrence.

Report No. 12

Petitions: DS1027
Subject: Amend Doctrinal Statement
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 94; Against 2; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 33, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
Voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 13

Petitions: DS1417
Subject: Episcopal and Laity Addresses
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 96, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
The committee concurs and voted to forward the addresses to the proper boards and agencies.

Report No. 14

Petitions: DS1024
Subject: Amend Doctrinal Statement ¶ 69
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 94; Against 1; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 97, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
Voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 15

Petitions: DS1400
Subject: Young Adult Ministries
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 98, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
The committee concurs with the report, receives it with

appreciation, and commends it to the boards and commissions listed therein.

(Editor's note: The report to which this recommendation refers was a report of the General Board of Discipleship entitled, "Young Adult Consultation Report." It consisted of four major sections: The Method, The Findings, The Consultation, and Recommendations. The full text of the report can be found in Advance Edition E of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages E7-E9. The "Recommendations" section is printed below.)

Recommendations. In their report to the General Board of Discipleship, the young adults attending the consultation made several recommendations. The General Board of Discipleship has reviewed these recommendations along with the survey research results and the findings of the staff management team and believes that the following implications should be considered for response by The United Methodist Church and each of the appropriate general boards and agencies.

Although the young adults attending the consultation recommended the development and maintenance of a national organization for young adult programming, the General Board of Discipleship's assessment is that the concerns expressed by young adults can be addressed best through cooperative efforts by the general boards and agencies, annual conferences and local churches, and by fulfillment of the recommended actions listed below.

General Council on Ministries

- That the General Council on Ministries monitor and survey the participation of young adults on general boards and agencies in order to ensure adequate attention to young adult concerns.
- That the General Council on Ministries work with the general boards and agencies to ensure the training and development of young adult members of those units, with the possibility of sponsoring one meeting each quadrennium for young adults serving on boards and agencies in order to enhance focus, clarity of identity and specialized responsibility within these structures of the church.
- That the General Council on Ministries work with the general secretaries of boards and agencies to ensure training for young adult members of their agencies.

Commission on Religion and Race

- That the Commission on Religion and Race continue careful monitoring of participation of ethnic minority young adults in the general agencies and the responsiveness of the agencies to ethnic minority young adult concerns.

Commission on the Status and Role of Women

• That the Commission on the Status and Role of Women continue careful monitoring of participation of young adult women in the general agencies and the responsiveness of the agencies to the concerns of young adult women.

General Board of Discipleship

• That the General Board of Discipleship continue young adult population research to guide program and resource development.

• That the General Board of Discipleship develop plans to sponsor a self-supporting quadrennial interethnic Young Adult Convocation, conducting a pilot event sometime in the 1985-88 quadrennium and evaluating the results of that effort.

• That the General Board of Discipleship provide for orientation of new youth and young adult members of the board, that a time during board meetings be scheduled for young adult and youth members, and that young adults and youth members be encouraged by the general secretary to participate in all board meetings.

• That the General Board of Discipleship continue to use existing and new publications to promote young adult ministry ideas, resources, and training.

• That the General Board of Discipleship allocate appropriate levels of staff time and other resources to ensure that there are identifiable resources and training possibilities for young adult programming.

• That the General Board of Discipleship use opportunities through the new Center for the Study of Congregational Life to train and resource pastors and layleaders for young adult ministry programs.

• That the General Board of Discipleship maintain denominational and ecumenical linkages appropriate to fostering young adult concerns.

• That the General Board of Discipleship continue to initiate efforts in young adult programming targeted to ethnic minority constituency groups.

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

• That the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry maintain its work in providing for continuing education and seminary training of clergy regarding young adult needs and opportunities for ministry; that the board continue its efforts in the recruitment, training, and deployment of young adults in ordained and diaconal ministries, especially ethnic minority young adults; and that the board continue to produce and promote resources for campus ministries.

Report No. 16

Petitions: DS1399
Subject: Report of National Youth Ministry Organization
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 99, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
(Editor's note: By action on this report, the General Conference received the quadrennial report of the National Youth Ministry Organization. The report was printed in full in Advance Edition I of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages I61-I62.)

Report No. 17

Petitions: DS1356
Subject: Development of Educational Programs
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 100, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
¶ 1307.2 will be amended by inserting following "local churches" . . . **It shall give careful consideration to the needs of all churches, such as small and larger churches, rural and urban settings, ethnic populations.**

Report No. 18

Petitions: DS1375
Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship for Lay Speaking
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 101, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
Committee votes concurrence that no change be made in ¶ 1319.6.

Report No. 19

Petitions: DS1383
Subject: Resolution on Family Ministries
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 102, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
Committee concurs with this report and refers it to the Committee on Family Life.

Report No. 20

Petitions: DS1335
Subject: Single Adults in the Church
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 103, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
The committee concurred with this petition and moved that it be referred to applicable major boards and agencies.

Report No. 21

Petitions: DS1088
Subject: Adopt Tithing as Minimum Standard of Stewardship
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 104, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.
Voted unanimous concurrence on following petition:
That the 1984 General Conference adopt the goal of tithing as the minimum stewardship standard for members of The United Methodist Church; and
That the 1984 General Conference request all annual conferences to adopt similar resolutions for practice of Christian faith; and
That the General Conference request the General Board of Discipleship to prepare study materials emphasizing the goal of a minimum standard of stewardship, for use with membership classes in local churches.

Report No. 22

Petitions: DS1075
Subject: Conference Lay Leader
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 102; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 105, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
The committee votes concurrence with amending ¶ 732.2 as follows:
2. Membership.—No more than one third of the membership of the council shall be adults, **one of whom may be the conference lay leader or his/her representative.** It is recommended that the council be composed of 50 percent racial and ethnic minority members. (It is suggested that members at large may be added toward achieving 50/50 ethnic minority/white membership in a manner to be determined by the Conference Council on Youth

Ministry.) Where ethnic or language conferences overlap non-ethnic conferences, provisions shall be made for the inclusion of members of the ethnic or language conferences and vice-versa.

Report No. 23

Petitions: DS1322
Subject: Publication of Ethnic Minority Resources
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 106, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.

Voted concurrence. See Report No. 97 for content of the resolution. (See pages 1173-1174.)

Report No. 24

Petitions: DS1078
Subject: Composition of General Council on Youth Ministries
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 107, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.

Nonconcurrence.

Report No. 25

Petitions: DS1341, DS1321
Subject: Task Force To Study Homosexuality Provide Study Materials on Homosexuality
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 106, For 77; Against 23; Not Voting 3.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 108, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 446.

Nonconcurrence.

Report No. 26

Petitions: DS1033, DS1040, DS1041, DS1032, DS1042, DS1043
Subject: Amending the Doctrinal Statement
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 109, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 497.

Nonconcurrence—subject dealt with in Report No. 37.

Report No. 27

Petitions: DS1022
Subject: Amend Doctrinal Statement

Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 103; Present 103; For 101; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 461, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
The committee votes nonconcurrence due to previous action.

Report No. 28

Petitions: DS1021
Subject: Amend Doctrinal Statement
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 462, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
The committee votes nonconcurrence due to previous action.

Report No. 29

Petitions: DS1101
Subject: Deletion of Word "Wine"
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 463, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
Nonconcurrence.

Report No. 30

Petitions: DS1035
Subject: Change Title—Section on Gospel in New Age
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 464, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
Nonconcurrence.

Report No. 31

Petitions: DS-CN1159
Subject: Responsibility of Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Convocation
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 465, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
Committee concurred to amend ¶ 632 by adding a new .9:
9. An additional responsibility of the Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization Convocation will be to elect a Steering

Committee or executive body to carry out the functions and suggested responsibilities of the convocation during the interval between convocations. The convocation shall determine the representation of such body, the manner of election, any funding thereof and the relationship of the body to the Annual Conference and to the Jurisdictional Council on Ministries or equivalent.

Report No. 32

Petitions: DS1053
Subject: The Gospel In A New Age
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 466, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
The committee votes nonconcurrence due to previous action.

Report No. 33

Petitions: DS1068, DS1122, DS1126
Subject: Hymnal Study Committee
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 467, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
Nonconcurrence as it had been dealt with in Report No. 39.

Report No. 34

Petitions: DS1079
Subject: Youth Caucus
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 468, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
Move nonconcurrence.

Report No. 35

Petitions: DS1112, DS1332, DS1333
Subject: General Services in English, Spanish
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 469, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 478.
Committee concurred with the proposed general services, as follows:

Proposed General Services of the Church With Introductions and Alternative Acts of Worship for Official Alternative Use

These general services are being proposed for inclusion in the Ritual of the Church after undergoing the most extensive process of development and testing in the history of our Ritual.

When The United Methodist Church was formed in 1968, *The Book of Discipline* (¶ 1388) provided that "the Ritual of the Church is that contained in the *Book of Ritual* of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, 1959, and *The Book of Worship for Church and Home* of The Methodist Church." This provision remains in *The Book of Discipline* (1980, ¶ 1314), with the addition of *An Ordinal* (ordination and consecration services for deacons, elders, and bishops) to the Ritual by action of the 1980 General Conference.

It quickly became apparent after 1968 that the new United Methodist Church needed supplemental worship resources which would provide alternatives that more fully reflected developments in the contemporary ecumenical church. The 1970 special session of General Conference authorized the Commission on Worship to begin work in this area. The General Conferences of 1972 and 1976 authorized the Board of Discipleship, as successor to the Commision on Worship, to continue this work. Any hasty action to produce a United Methodist Ritual was avoided out of a strong desire for the most careful and extensive process of development, testing, and evaluation.

The first of the new services to appear was *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972*, which sold over two million copies prior to its revision in 1980. *Word and Table: A Basic Pattern of Sunday Worship for United Methodists*, published in 1976, adapted the same general order of worship for use on every Sunday, whether or not there was Communion, and provided an introduction and commentary. This same book also introduced the new ecumenical calendar and lectionary, which were more fully presented in *Seasons of the Gospel: Resources for the Christian Year* (1979). The other general services published with introduction and commentary included *A Service of Baptism, Confirmation, and Renewal* (1976), *A Service of Christian Marriage* (1979), and *A Service of Death and Resurrection* (1979).

Each of these services was written by one or more well-known liturgical writers who worked closely with an editorial task force representing various areas of expertise in the field. Each service was then carefully examined and criticized by the entire elected

membership of the Section on Worship of the Board of Discipleship, who usually sent the manuscript back to the writer(s) and task force several times before finally approving it. Sometimes outside evaluations were secured during this process. These services were published with the invitation for those who used them to give their evaluation and suggestions. They were widely used throughout United Methodism, and as a result a wealth of helpful responses was received. The services were also reviewed and in many cases used by liturgical scholars, pastors, and congregations of other denominations; and suggestions from their perspectives were most helpful.

In the light of all these suggestions the service texts were revised and published in the booklet *We Gather Together* (1980). These revised services were commended by the 1980 General Conference to local churches for trial use, and the Board of Discipleship was instructed to revise them in the light of this trial use and submit them to the 1984 General Conference for adoption into the Ritual of the Church.

During the past quadrennium another large quantity of helpful criticism and suggestions was received from local churches and from expert reviews both in our denomination and ecumenically. Particular help in the revision process was given by a panel of consultants who worked with the section staff and by the elected members of the Section on Worship.

Special care has been given to test the suitability of the Ritual in ethnic minority local churches. These services have been tested and evaluated in selected Black congregations, and the suggestions received have been most helpful. A Spanish language version with Hispanic cultural adaptations was published in 1981 and is being submitted now in revised form as edited by the Rev. Hugo Lopez with the aid of Hispanic consultants. A Korean version with cultural adaptations is being edited by the Rev. Sang E. Chun with the aid of Korean consultants and should be ready soon. A Japanese version of the Sunday Service has been published, and Japanese and Chinese versions of the General Services are under development. It is hoped that other Asian American and Native American versions can be developed as soon as possible. The cultural adaptations made in each case are being studied with a view to enriching all versions of the General Services by multiethnic contributions.

These General Services now being submitted have been revised in the light of all these suggestions and contributions.

If these General Services are enacted into the Ritual it is hoped that they will serve well the needs of United Methodist churches

and also that criticisms and suggestions will continue. In this connection several understandings are important:

1. The proposal that these General Services be adopted into the Ritual of the Church is in no way a proposal that the status of the existing Ritual of the Church (Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren) be taken away or that its use be discouraged. Rather, by giving all three sets of General Services a place in the Ritual of the Church, a wide choice is being offered the congregations of our diverse denomination.

2. The various General Services are designed for maximum flexibility, so that with appropriate adaptations they can be used in a variety of situations. United Methodist local churches range from very large to very small in membership, from very formal to very informal in worship style, from print-oriented to orally-oriented, and with a wide variety of ethnic and cultural heritages. Even so, there will be situations where adaptations are called for in a particular situation that are not explicitly provided for in the services themselves. In such cases it is hoped that those planning and leading worship will know that they have Christian liberty to meet the pastoral needs of their congregations.

3. Inevitably these services contain compromises at points where United Methodists are not of one mind. One especially difficult area throughout the years during which these services have been developed has been that of the tension between traditional and inclusive language. It has been the basic intention throughout the development process to avoid language that discriminates against women, against any racial or ethnic community, or against persons with handicapping conditions. Two particular guiding principles in this connection have been a) not to use masculine language to refer to people in general, and b) to seek a balanced diversity of Scriptural imagery in addressing or referring to God. In practice, however, there have been frequent disagreements about particular usages. Many active participants in the development process would have preferred wording different from that which now appears. These services as they stand represent the best resolution possible at this time. Those using these services may from time to time wish to change particular words deemed objectionable, and they should be assured of their freedom to do so.

4. This diversity should not obscure our fundamental unity in Christ and in historic Christianity. We stand on the fourfold authority of Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason, with Scripture primary. These services seek to avoid anything faddish or idiosyncratic. They represent an earnest attempt to heed Wesley's admonition that our worship "follow the Scriptures and

the primitive Church," while at the same time speaking to the condition of contemporary United Methodists. They represent an attempt to incorporate both the historic and ecumenical witness of the church and also the distinctive gifts which our United Methodist heritage enables us to contribute to the universal church.

May these services be used to the glory of God and the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Members of the Section on Worship: Stan DePano (chairperson), George W. Watson, Sr. (vice-chairperson), D. S. Dharmapalan (secretary), Bishop George W. Bashore, Donald Bueg, Carole Cotton-Winn, Melissa Lynn Ives, J. Sue Kana-Mackey, Merwin Kurtz, Mary Penn, Luis Sotomayor, Sharon Spieth, and Langill Watson.

Representing the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music and Other Arts: Janet Lee (president) and Patty Evans (executive secretary-treasurer), replaced in 1983 by Robert Bennett (president) and Jerry Henry (executive secretary-treasurer).

Staff of the Section on Worship: Ezra Earl Jones (general secretary), Noé E. Gonzales (associate general secretary), Hoyt L. Hickman (assistant general secretary and editor of the General Services), Richard L. Eslinger, Barbara P. García and Judy L. Loehr.

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Concerning Services of Word and Table

Flexibility is a necessity for all orders of worship in our day. They must be adaptable to the differing needs and circumstances in which diverse congregations worship.

One order of worship for the proclamation of God's Word and the celebration of the Lord's Supper is presented here. It is designed to express the historical and theological bases that give integrity to Christian worship. This order of worship is printed in several formats to show how it can be adapted to different situations, but in its essentials it is one order.

A Basic Pattern of Worship and *An Outline of Sunday Worship* are intended to make plain the structure of the order.

An Order of Sunday Worship expands upon the outline and can be used in the preparation of services conducted by announcement or by use of a bulletin. *Alternative Acts of Worship*, though

not part of the General Services, should be published with *An Order of Sunday Worship* to illustrate the variety of texts that can be used with it.

For congregations which prefer to use a standard printed text, *A Service of Word and Table* (Complete Text) can be used instead of a bulletin. It is proposed that it be made available separately in an eight-page leaflet that can be pasted inside the back cover of hymnals.

The Lord's Supper (Brief Text) is intended for congregations which prefer to use a bulletin or be led by announcement during the Service of the Word but use a printed text during the Service of the Table. It will also appeal to those congregations which prefer a brief text with opportunity for interpolations by the minister. This brief text can also be used in home or other informal services.

The Lord's Supper (Minimum Text) is intended for use with the sick and shut-in and in other situations where brevity is essential and where the ability of persons to make verbal responses may, in varying degrees, be limited.

A selection of alternative texts for various acts of worship in this order follows. It is proposed that these and other such aids to worship be published with the Ritual to provide more flexibility.

It is also proposed that the *Thanksgiving and Communion* section of *An Order of Sunday Worship* be published as a bulletin insert, to be used with a revised edition of *At the Lord's Table.* That book of Communion resources will be essential for the variation of the service through the days, seasons, and special events of the Christian year and life.

A Basic Pattern of Worship

The Entrance

The people come together in the Lord's name. There may be greetings, music and song, prayer and praise.

Proclamation and Response

The Scriptures are opened to the people through reading of lessons, preaching, witnessing, music, or other arts and media. Interspersed may be psalms, anthems, and hymns. Responses to God's Word include acts of commitment and faith with offerings of concerns, prayers, gifts, and service for the world and for one another.

Thanksgiving and Communion

In services with Communion, the actions of Jesus in the Upper Room are re-enacted:

taking the bread and cup,
giving thanks over the bread and cup,
breaking the bread, and
giving the bread and cup.

In services without Communion, thanks are given for God's mighty acts in Jesus Christ.

Sending Forth

The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.

An Outline of Sunday Worship

Gathering
Greeting
Hymn of Praise
Prayer of the Day, Confession and Pardon, and/or Litany
[Act of Praise]
[Prayer for Illumination]
Scripture Lesson
[Psalm]
[Scripture Lesson]
Hymn or Song
Gospel Lesson
Sermon
Response to the Word
Concerns and Prayers
[Confession and Pardon]
The Peace
Offering

With Communion	*or*	*Without Communion*
Taking the Bread and Cup		Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with Lord's Prayer
Great Thanksgiving		
Breaking the Bread		
Giving the Bread and Cup		

Hymn or Song
Dismissal with Blessing
Going Forth

An Order of Sunday Worship

The Entrance

GATHERING

The people come together in the Lord's name. While they are gathering, one or more of the following may take place:

Informal greetings, conversation, and fellowship
Announcements and welcoming
Rehearsal of music and other acts of worship
Informal prayer, singing, testimony
Quiet meditation and private prayer
Organ or other instrumental music

GREETING

The leader greets the people in the Lord's name, declaring that the Lord is present and empowers our worship. The people may respond.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The leader and people greet the Lord with praise. If the hymn is a processional or entrance song, it may precede the Greeting.

OPENING PRAYER(S)

This may be one or more of the following:
Prayer of the Day
Confession and Pardon
Litany

[ACT OF PRAISE]

"Glory to God in the Highest," a psalm, an anthem, or some other act of praise may be sung or said.

Proclamation and Response

[PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION]

The blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked upon the reading, preaching, hearing, and doing of the Word. If the preceding act of praise has been omitted, this prayer may be included in the opening prayer(s).

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[PSALM]

A psalm or psalm portion may be sung or spoken.

[SCRIPTURE LESSON]

HYMN OR SONG

A hymn or song related to the Scriptures of the day, or an alleluia, may be sung.

GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON

One or more of the Scripture lessons are interpreted.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Responses may include one or more of the following acts:

Hymn of Invitation or Response, which may follow an Invitation to Christian Discipleship.
Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Faith, or other Reception of Members.

A Creed.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Brief intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings may be prayed by the leader, or spontaneously by members of the congregation. To each of these, all may make a common response, such as: "Lord, hear our prayer."
Or, a litany of intercession and petition may be prayed.
Or, a pastoral prayer may be offered.
At this or some other time during the service, persons so desiring may be invited to kneel for prayer at the Communion rail.

[CONFESSION AND PARDON]

When there has not been an act of confession and pardon earlier in the service, the minister calls the people to self-examination and confession, leads them in confession of sin, and declares God's pardon for those penitent.

THE PEACE

The people offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

OFFERING

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung as the offering is received.
If Holy Communion is to be celebrated, the bread and wine are brought by representatives of the people to the Lord's table with the other gifts, or uncovered if already in place.
A hymn, doxology, or other response may be sung as the gifts are brought to the Lord's table.

Thanksgiving and Communion

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

If Holy Communion is to be celebrated, the minister takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal. If Holy Communion is not to be celebrated, a prayer of thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer follow. The pattern of the Great Thanksgiving may be followed, without reference to the Lord's Supper. A brief time of silence may be substituted for Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread and Cup.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The minister gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues the thanksgiving. If Holy Communion is to be celebrated, the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The minister concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The minister then invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father *(God)* now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is prayed in unison.

BREAKING THE BREAD

The minister breaks the bread in silence, or with appropriate words.
The minister then lifts the cup in silence, or with appropriate words.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given. When all have received, the Lord's table is put in order.
The minister or congregation may give thanks after Communion.

Sending Forth

HYMN OR SONG

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH

There may be organ or other instrumental music. After informal greetings, conversation, and fellowship, the people go forth into ministry.

A Service of Word and Table (Complete Text)

The Entrance

GATHERING

GREETING
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
The risen Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

OPENING PRAYER

The following or a prayer of the day is offered:

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

[ACT OF PRAISE]

Proclamation and Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[PSALM] *May be sung or spoken.*

[SCRIPTURE LESSON]

HYMN OR SONG

GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Responses may include one or more of the following acts:

Hymn of Invitation or Response, which may follow an Invitation to Christian Discipleship.
Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Faith, or other Reception of Members.
The following or another creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Brief intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings may be prayed by the leader, or spontaneously by members of the congregation. To each of these, all may make a common response, such as: "Lord, hear our prayer."
Or, a litany of intercession and petition may be prayed.
Or, a pastoral prayer may be offered.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

At Holy Communion:
Christ our Lord
invites to his table
all who love him,
who earnestly repent
of their sin
and seek to live in peace
with one another.
Therefore,
let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

At Other Services:
Christ our Lord
calls all who love him
earnestly to repent
of their sin
and live in peace
with one another.
Therefore,
let us confess our sin
before God and
one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that often we have failed
to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All pray in silence.

Minister to people:
Hear the good news:
"Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us."
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to minister:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Minister and people:
Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung as the offering is received.
If Holy Communion is to be celebrated, the bread and wine are brought by representatives of the people to the Lord's table with the other gifts, or uncovered if already in place.
A hymn, doxology, or other response may be sung as the gifts are brought to the Lord's table.

Thanksgiving and Communion

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

If Holy Communion is to be celebrated, the minister takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.
If Holy Communion is not to be celebrated, the words which pertain only to Holy Communion, marked by a vertical line (|), are omitted from the Great Thanksgiving.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.
And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and ate with sinners.

By the baptism
of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts
in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

The minister breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:

Because there is one loaf,
we, who are many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The minister lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:

The cup over which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given. When all have received, the Lord's table is put in order. The following prayer is then offered by the minister or by all.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sending Forth

HYMN OR SONG

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

GOING FORTH

The Lord's Supper (Brief Text)

The people gather in the Lord's name.
They offer prayer and praise.
The Scriptures are read and preached.
Responses of praise, faith, and prayer are offered.
The service continues as follows:

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Minister: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and who seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Minister and people: **Merciful God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Minister to people: Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to minister: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Minister and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Minister: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

OFFERING

Minister: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

An offering may be received, during which a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's table with the other gifts, or uncovered if already in place.

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The minister takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. . . . By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. . . .

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. . . . By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kindom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

The minister breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given.
When all have received, the Lord's table is put in order.
The minister may then give thanks after Communion.

SENDING FORTH

A final hymn or song may be sung.
The minister dismisses the people with this blessing:

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

The Lord's Supper (Minimum Text)

The people come together
and exchange greetings in the Lord's name.
Scriptures are read and interpreted.
Prayer and praise are offered.
The minister then gives this or some other suitable invitation:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this holy Sacrament.

Minister and people: **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister may say: Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All may exchange signs and words of God's peace.

The minister takes the bread and cup, prepares the bread and wine for the meal, and then prays the Great Thanksgiving as follows:

Lift up your heart(s) and give thanks to the Lord our God.

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, you made us in your image, to love and to be loved. When we turned away, and

our love failed, your love remained steadfast. By the suffering, death, and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The minister breaks the bread.
The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

When all have received, the Lord's table is put in order.
The minister may then give thanks after Communion.
A final hymn or song may be sung.
The minister gives this final blessing:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Alternative Acts of Worship

Greetings

1

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
The risen Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

2

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.
The risen Christ is with us!
Praise the Lord!

3

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

4

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Prayers

1 *(for use on any day)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 *(for use on any day)*

Almighty God: you are constant for ever,
glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion,
abundant in grace and truth.
All your works and all your people praise you,
and your glory is revealed in Christ, our Savior.
Therefore, we praise you, Blessed and Holy Trinity,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

3 *(for use on the Lord's Day)*

Almighty God,
by raising Jesus Christ your Son
you destroyed the power of sin and death
and opened to us abundant and eternal life.
Grant, we pray, on this the Lord's Day,
that, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection,
the power of your Word and Holy Spirit
will raise us up and renew our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4 *(for use on the Lord's Day)*

God of all glory,
on this first day you began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.
On this first day you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.
Grant that we,
the people you create by water and the Spirit,
may be transformed by your Word
and live in the light of the resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5 *(for use on any day)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this house of prayer,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Creeds

1 THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

2 THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

3 A CREED APPROVED BY THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

4 OUR SOCIAL CREED

We believe in God, Creator of the world;
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
through whom we acknowledge God's gifts,
and we repent of our sin
in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork
and dedicate ourselves to its preservation,
enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive, for ourselves and others,
the blessings of community, sexuality,
marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women,
children, youth, young adults, the aging,
and those with handicapping conditions;
to improvement of the quality of life;
and to the rights and dignity
of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.

We believe in the right and duty of persons
to work for the good of themselves and others,
and in the protection of their welfare in so doing;
in the rights to property as a trust from God,
collective bargaining, and responsible consumption;
and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world
and to the rule of justice and law among nations.

We believe in the present and future triumph
of God's Word in human affairs,
and gladly accept our commission
to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.
Amen.

Litanies of Intercession

1

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

2

Let us pray:

That the world may live in peace, and that the Church may achieve unity, fulfilling its service here and everywhere:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all ministers and teachers in the Church may be faithful servants of the gospel, leading others into its way of life and strengthening their faith:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the leaders of this nation and of the world may govern with justice and mercy, that all peoples may be freed from oppression and bondage, and that poverty may cease:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all our work may be done for the common good, that it may be available to the unemployed, that it may be done in safety, and that it may fulfill the gifts and needs of all people:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who work on frontiers of truth and those who enrich our lives with beauty and joy may be free to follow their vocations:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer disease or loneliness or grief may be healed and comforted:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those whom we have known and loved who have died in the faith may be a glorious memory to us and a source of renewed communion with all the saints:

Lord, hear our prayer. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers of Confession

1

Merciful God,
we confess that often we have failed
to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

3 (When Communion Is to Follow)

We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness,
but in your unfailing mercies.
We are not worthy that you should receive us,
but give your word and we shall be healed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Pardon

1

Minister to People:
Hear the good news:
"Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us."
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to Minister:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Minister and People:
Glory to God. Amen.

2

Hear the good news:
"Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us."
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

3

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

4

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Invitations to the Peace

1

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

2

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

3

Christ our Lord calls all who love him
to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us offer one another
signs of reconciliation and love.

4 (When Communion Is to Follow)

Christ our Lord invites to his table
all who love him and who seek
to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us offer one another
signs of reconciliation and love.

The Lord's Prayer

1 COMMON TEXT (INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION ON ENGLISH TEXTS), 1975

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 FROM THE RITUAL OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, 1964

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

3 FROM THE RITUAL OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, 1959

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. **Amen.**

Prayers after Communion

1

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2

You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;
as a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts;
help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

3

Most loving God,
you have given us a share
in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy
to all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

4

Bountiful God, we give you thanks
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world,
in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Concerning the Calendar and Lectionary

The following Calendar and the Common Lectionary which goes with it have been developed during the years 1978-1982 by these denominations working together through the Consultation on Common Texts and its North American Committee on Calendar and Lectionary: American Lutheran Church, American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Anglican Church of Canada, Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church of America, Reformed Church of America, Roman Catholic Church in the United States and Canada, United Church of Canada, United Church of Christ, and The United Methodist Church.

The remarkable story of the development of the ecumenical Calendar and Lectionary has been told in *Word and Table* and *Seasons of the Gospel*. This Calendar and Lectionary, in various versions, is now widely used by Christians of many denomina-

tions around the world. Its particularly wide use by North American Christians of many denominations in recent years led to the widespread call for a common version of the Calendar and Lectionary that would eliminate the discrepancies between the various denominational versions and take account of widespread criticism of the way in which the Old Testament lessons were selected. This led to an ecumenical North American Consultation on the Calendar and Lectionary in 1978 and to the work which has followed.

The Common Calendar is based on the most ancient traditions regarding the Christian year, as explained in *Seasons of the Gospel.* It consists of two cycles—the Christmas Cycle and the Easter Cycle. Each cycle consists of a preparatory season (Advent, Lent), a festival season (Christmas and Easter), and an "ordinary time" of growth (Seasons after Epiphany and after Pentecost). While denominations today are not legislating one rigid seasonal color code, the most common ecumenical practice is to use purple for preparatory seasons, white for festival seasons, green for growth seasons, and red or white for special days where one or the other color is appropriate.

Many questions have been asked by persons who are accustomed to the seasons of Pentecost and Kingdomtide as set forth in *The Book of Worship,* and it is important that several matters be clarified.

1. Kingdomtide was originally proposed in 1937 in a book sponsored by the former Federal Council of Churches as a six-month season beginning the Sunday after Pentecost. This was later modified to a proposal for two three-month seasons, and it was in this latter form that The Methodist Church adopted it in *The Book of Worship.* No other denomination has a season of Kingdomtide, and it is clear from many consultations that no other denomination is going to do so.

2. The term Pentecost Season originally meant "the Great Fifty Days" from Easter through the Day of Pentecost, and both the traditional and the new lectionaries make it clear that the Great Fifty Days are the time to celebrate not only the risen Christ but also the Holy Spirit. It is only through the work of the Holy Spirit that we know the risen Christ, and the two cannot be separated. The Season *after* Pentecost is just that; it *is not* the Pentecost Season.

3. The focus and emphases of the Season after Pentecost are made evident by the readings in the Lectionary, as are the foci and emphases of every other season. The gospel readings for the Season after Pentecost go in course through the teaching portions of Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B), and Luke (Year C), in

which Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God is clearly central. This theme is sounded with particular strength on the last few Sundays after Pentecost and reaches a climax on the last Sunday, which is called Christ the King. Thus, although the Common Calendar does not use the *term* "Kingdomtide," we have after Pentecost a season which fully serves the purposes intended for Kingdomtide.

The Calendar

ADVENT SEASON

First Sunday of Advent to Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve/Day
First Sunday after Christmas
New Year's Eve/Day
[Second Sunday after Christmas]
Epiphany

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

First Sunday after Epiphany (Baptism of the Lord)
Second Sunday after Epiphany to [Eighth Sunday after Epiphany]
Last Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration Sunday)

LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday
First Sunday of Lent to Fifth Sunday of Lent
Holy Week
  Passion/Palm Sunday
  Monday in Holy Week
  Tuesday in Holy Week
  Wednesday in Holy Week
  Holy Thursday
  Good Friday
  Holy Saturday

EASTER SEASON

Easter Vigil
Easter

Second Sunday of Easter to sixth Sunday of Easter
Ascension
(Sixth Thursday of Easter)
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Pentecost

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost)
Second Sunday after Pentecost to Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost*
All Saints (Nov. 1 or First Sunday in Nov.)
Thanksgiving Day
Christ the King (Last Sunday after Pentecost)

*Lectionary readings on these Sundays are determined not by which Sunday it is after Pentecost but by the dates within which a Sunday falls.

Concerning Services of the Baptismal Covenant

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is based upon God's covenant with the Church through the saving work of Jesus Christ and is the initiation service into Christ's holy Church. Persons baptized in infancy affirm this covenant for themselves in the rite of Confirmation. From time to time persons and congregations have occasion to reaffirm this covenant.

Closely related are the acts of reception into The United Methodist Church as a society within Christ's holy Church and reception into a local congregation.

While these are all distinct rites of the highest importance in themselves, there are two considerations which lead us to consider them together and submit a service text which can be used for any one or any combination of these rites.

1. They are all based on the baptismal covenant.

2. In practice it is common for two or more of these rites to be celebrated on a given occasion, and when these rites are printed separately the result can be needless duplication or confusion in trying to combine them. For example, a family seeking membership in a local church may consist of: a) a mother being received by transfer from another United Methodist Church; b) a father being received from membership in another denomination; c) a child who has been baptized as an infant and is now ready to be confirmed; and d) a child who is to be baptized. Each of these persons is taking a different step (or combination of steps), yet

the family is being received by that congregation together at one time and place. Likewise, a confirmation class often contains both baptized and unbaptized members.

On any given occasion, the minister may find that the entire service is appropriate or may find that some parts of the service do not apply and should be omitted. When only infants are being baptized, for instance, those questions which apply only to candidates old enough to answer for themselves are of course omitted. When a class is being confirmed which includes no unbaptized persons, then of course the acts which relate only to Baptism are omitted. When a congregation is renewing its covenant (as on Watchnight), there may be no baptisms or confirmations to include. So many combinations of these rites may occur in the life of a congregation that it is not feasible to list them all and specify what must be done when; it is hoped that the service is sufficiently self-explanatory that decisions can be made by common sense.

It is hoped that these services, preceded by careful instruction, will help all who participate to know more fully the power of the gospel and the depth of commitment to which we are called in response.

The Baptismal Covenant:

Holy Baptism
Confirmation
Reaffirmation of Faith
Reception into The United Methodist Church
Reception into a Local Congregation

This is to be included where possible in a service of public worship, preferably as a response to the proclamation of the Word. Such parts as are not called for on a given occasion are to be omitted.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

The minister makes such of the following statements to the congregation as may be appropriate:

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism,
believers and their households

are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through Confirmation,
and through the reaffirmation of our faith,
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

A representative of the congregation presents the candidates:

I present *Name(s)* for Baptism.
I present *Name(s)* for Confirmation.
I present *Name(s)* to reaffirm *their* faith.
I present *Name(s)*, who come(s) to this congregation from the _____ Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses parents or other sponsors, and those candidates who can answer for themselves:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you reject the spiritual forces of wickedness,
the evil powers of the world,
and the bondage of sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

The minister addresses parents or other sponsors of candidates not able to answer for themselves:

Will you nurture *these children (persons)*
in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example
they may be guided to respond to God's grace,
openly to profess their faith,
and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The Minister addresses candidates who can answer for themselves [and their sponsors]:

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain *faithful members* of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's *representatives* in the world?
[And will you who sponsor *these candidates*
support and encourage *them* in their Christian life?]

I will.

The minister addresses the congregation:

Do you as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *these persons* now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.

The minister addresses the candidates and congregation:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
[He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and was born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting].

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Water may be poured into the font at this time.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Eternal Father:
When nothing existed but chaos
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John
and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever.
Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

As each candidate is baptized, the minister says:

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Immediately after the administration of the water, as hands are placed on the head of each person by the minister and by others if desired, the minister says to each:

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

When all the candidates have been baptized, the congregation says to them:

Through Baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as *members* of the family of Christ.

CONFIRMATION OR REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Water may be sprinkled toward those being confirmed or reaffirming their faith, or the entire congregation when there is a congregational reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant.

The minister says:

Remember your Baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

As hands are placed on the head of each person being confirmed or reaffirming faith, by the minister and by others if desired, the minister says to each:

Name, the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

If there are persons coming into membership in The United Methodist Church who have not yet been presented, they may be presented at this time.

The minister addresses all those coming into membership in The United Methodist Church, or who have just professed or reaffirmed their faith within The United Methodist Church:

As *members* of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

If there are persons joining this congregation from other United Methodist congregations who have not yet been presented, they may be presented at this time.
The minister addresses all those coming into membership in the congregation, or who have just professed or reaffirmed their faith within the congregation:

As *members* of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, and your service?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

The minister addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend *these persons* to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase *their* faith,
confirm *their* hope,
and perfect *them* in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,

our gifts, and our service,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.

The minister addresses those newly received:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

One or more lay members may join with the minister in acts and words of welcome and peace.
Appropriate thanksgivings and intercessions for those who have participated in these acts should be included in the concerns and prayers which follow.
It is most fitting that the service conclude with Holy Communion, in which the union of the new members with the body of Christ is most fully expressed. The new members may receive first.

Concerning a Service of Christian Marriage

This service of Christian marriage is distinctive in several important respects.

1. It sets the marriage rite in the context of a full service of Christian worship, including the proclamation of the Word as well as prayer and praise. The service is parallel in its structure to the Sunday Service, and Christian marriage is proclaimed as a sacred covenant reflecting Christ's covenant with his Church. Everything about the service is designed to witness that this is a *Christian* marriage.

2. Both words and actions consistently reflect the belief that husband and wife are equal partners in Christian marriage and that they are entering into the marriage of their own volition.

3. Those present are to be an active congregation rather than simply passive witnesses. They give their blessing to the couple and to the marriage, they join in prayer and praise, and if there is Holy Communion they are invited to join with the couple in the Sacrament.

4. The service may or may not include Holy Communion. If Holy Communion is to be celebrated, it is most important that its significance be understood and made clear. Specifically: a) Holy Communion is not being included as a part of the marriage rite;

rather, the marriage rite is being included in a Christian Service of the Word and Holy Communion; b) The Christian commitment of the participants is to be such that the Sacrament can be celebrated with integrity; c) Not only the husband and wife but the whole congregation are to be invited to receive Communion. It is contrary to our tradition to celebrate the Holy Communion without an open invitation. On the other hand, there should be no pressure that would embarrass those who for whatever reason do not choose to receive communion.

It should be clear that this service is not suited for every marriage occasion. It is important that the minister, in consultation with each couple, reach a responsible decision as to whether this service or some other marriage rite is most appropriate. Many people, however, have expressed a need for a service such as this; and it is hoped that it will be used widely to the glory of God and the celebration of Christian marriage.

A Service of Christian Marriage

The Entrance

GATHERING

While the people gather, instrumental or vocal music may be offered.
During the entrance of the wedding party, there may be instrumental music, or a hymn, a psalm, a canticle, or an anthem.

GREETING

Minister to people:

Friends, we are gathered together in the sight of God to witness and to bless the joining together of *Name* and *Name* in Christian marriage. The covenant of marriage was established by God, who created us male and female for each other. With his presence and power, Jesus graced a wedding at Cana of Galilee and in his sacrificial love gave us the example for the love of husband and wife. *Name* and *Name* come to give themselves to one another in this holy covenant.

Declaration of Intention

Minister to the persons who are to marry:

I ask you now
in the presence of God and these people

to declare your intention
to enter into union with one another
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
who has called you into union with himself
through baptism.

Minister to the woman:

Name, will you have *Name* to be your husband,
to live together in holy marriage?
Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him
in sickness and in health,
and forsaking all other, be faithful to him
as long as you both shall live.

Woman:

I will.

Minister to the man:

Name, will you have *Name* to be your wife,
to live together in holy marriage?
Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her
in sickness and in health,
and forsaking all other, be faithful to her
as long as you both shall live?

Man:

I will.

THE RESPONSE OF THE FAMILIES AND PEOPLE

Minister to people:

The marriage of *Name* and *Name* unites two families
and creates a new one.
They ask for your blessing.

Parents or other representatives of the families, if present, may respond:

We rejoice in your union,
and pray God's blessing upon you.

Minister to people:

Will all of you, by God's grace,
do everything in your power
to uphold and care for these two persons
in their marriage?

People:

We will.

PRAYER

Minister to people: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Let us pray.
God of all peoples:
You are the true light illumining everyone.
You show us the way, the truth, and the life.
You love us even when we are disobedient.
You sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
We rejoice in your life in the midst of our lives.
We praise you for your presence with us,
and especially in this act of solemn covenant.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Proclamation and Response

One or more Scripture lessons are read.
A hymn, psalm, canticle, anthem, or other music may be offered before or after readings.
A sermon or other witness to Christian marriage is given.
Extemporaneous intercessory prayer may be offered, or the following may be prayed by the minister or by all:

Let us pray.
Eternal God,
creator and preserver of all life,
author of salvation, giver of all grace:
Bless and sanctify with your Holy Spirit
Name and *Name* who come now to join in marriage.
Grant that they may give their vows to each other
in the strength of your steadfast love.
Enable them to grow in love and peace
with you and with one another all their days,

that they may reach out
in concern and service to the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Marriage

EXCHANGE OF VOWS

The woman and man face each other, joining hands.
Man to woman:

In the name of God,
I, *Name,* take you, *Name,*
to be my wife,
to have and to hold
from this day forward,
for better for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
until we are parted by death.
This is my solemn vow.

Woman to man:

In the name of God,
I, *Name,* take you, *Name,*
to be my husband,
to have and to hold
from this day forward,
for better for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
until we are parted by death.
This is my solemn vow.

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

The minister may say:

These rings *(symbols)*
are the outward and visible sign
of an inward and spiritual grace,
signifying to us the union
between Jesus Christ and his Church.

The minister may bless the giving of rings or other symbols of the marriage.

Bless, O Lord, the giving of these rings *(symbols)*,
that they who wear them may live in your peace,
and continue in your favor all the days of their life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The giver(s) may say to the recipient(s):

***Name,* I give you this ring**
as a sign of my vow,
and with all that I am,
and all that I have,
I honor you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

The wife and husband join hands. The minister may place a hand on, or wrap a stole around, their joined hands.

Minister to husband and wife:

You have declared your consent and vows
before God and this congregation.
May God confirm your covenant
and fill you both with grace.

Minister to people:

Now that *Name* and *Name*
have given themselves to each other by solemn vows,
with the joining of hands,
and the giving and receiving of *rings*,
I announce to you that they are husband and wife
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

People: **Amen.**

A doxology or other hymn may be sung.
Intercessions may be offered for the Church and for the world.

BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The husband and wife may kneel, as the minister prays:

O God,
you have so consecrated the
covenant of Christian marriage
that in it is represented
the covenant between Christ and his Church.
Send therefore your blessing upon *Name* and *Name*,
that they may surely keep their marriage covenant
and so grow in love and godliness together,
that their home may be a haven
of blessing and peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If Holy Communion is not to be celebrated, the service continues with the Lord's Prayer and concludes with the Sending Forth.

Thanksgiving and Communion

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

Minister to people:

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Here the husband and wife or representatives of the congregation may bring the bread and wine to the Lord's table. The minister takes them and prepares them for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image,
male and female you created us.

You gave us the gift of marriage,
that we might fulfil one another.
And so,
with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism
of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit,
from which flow the covenant love
of husband and wife.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts
in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By the same Spirit bless *Name* and *Name*,
that their love for each other
may reflect the love of Christ for us
and grow from strength to strength
as they faithfully serve you in the world.
Finally, by your grace,
bring them and all of us to that table
where your saints feast forever
in your heavenly home.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

All pray the Lord's Prayer.

BREAKING THE BREAD

The minister breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread and wine are given to the people,
with these or other words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Sending Forth

Here may be a hymn or Psalm 128.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

God the Eternal keep you in love with each other,
so that the peace of Christ may abide in your home.
Go to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

Bear witness to the love of God in this world
so that those to whom love is a stranger
will find in you generous friends.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The couple and minister(s) may greet each other, after which greetings may be exchanged throughout the congregation.

GOING FORTH

A hymn may be sung or instrumental music played as the couple, the wedding party, and the people leave.

Concerning a Service of Death and Resurrection

The service should properly be held in the church if at all possible, and at a time when members of the congregation can be present.

The pastor should be notified immediately of the death of a member or associate of the congregation. Whenever the pastor's service or the use of the church building is desired, arrangements should be made and approved in consultation with the pastor.

This order is intended for use with the body of the deceased present, but it can be adapted for use at memorial services or other occasions.

The coffin remains closed throughout the service and thereafter. It may be covered with a pall.

Members of the deceased's family, friends, members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to share in conducting the service.

Use of the term "Service of Death and Resurrection" is not intended to discourage the use of the more familiar terms

"funeral," "burial of the dead," or "memorial service." The term "funeral" is appropriate for a service with the body of the deceased present. The term "burial of the dead" is appropriate for a service where the remains of the deceased are buried. The term "memorial service" is appropriate where the body of the deceased is not present. Since the service here presented is adaptable for use in a wide variety of situations, it was felt that a more comprehensive title was needed. The term "Service of Death and Resurrection" is not only appropriate to any situation in which this service might be used, it expresses clearly the twofold nature of what is done: the facts of death and bereavement are honestly faced, and the gospel of resurrection is celebrated in the context of God's covenant with us in Christ.

A Service of Death and Resurrection

The Entrance

GATHERING

The minister may greet the family.
Music for worship may be offered while the people gather.
Hymns and songs of faith may be sung during the gathering.
The pall may be placed on the coffin with these words:

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.
Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come again in glory.
As in baptism *Name* put on Christ,
so in Christ may *Name* be clothed with glory.
Here and now, dear friends, we are God's children.
What we shall be has not yet been revealed.
But we know that when he appears
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.
Those who have this hope purify themselves
as Christ is pure.

The coffin then may be carried into the place of worship in procession, the minister going before it and saying the Word of Grace, the congregation standing. Or, if the congregation is already in place, the minister says the following from a place in front of the congregation.

THE WORD OF GRACE

Jesus said, I am the Resurrection and I am Life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die,
yet shall they live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.
I am Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
I died, and behold I am alive forever more,
and I hold the keys of hell and death.
Because I live, you shall live also.

GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God
and to witness to our faith
as we celebrate the life of *Name*.
We come together in grief
acknowledging our human loss.
May God grant us grace,
that in pain we may find comfort,
in sorrow hope, in death resurrection.

If a pall was not placed on the coffin earlier, the sentences used above for that act may be added here instead.

HYMN OR SONG

PRAYER

The following or other prayers may be offered, in unison if desired. Petition for God's help, thanksgiving for the communion of saints, confession of sin and assurance of pardon are appropriate here.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, who gave us birth,
You are ever more ready to hear
than we are to pray.
You know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.

Give to us now your grace,
that as we shrink before the mystery of death
we may see the light of eternity.
Speak to us once more
your solemn message of life and of death.
Help us to live as those who are prepared to die.
And when our days here are accomplished,
enable us to die as those who go forth to live,
so that living or dying, our life may be in you,
and that nothing in life or in death
be able to separate us
from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

and/or

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company
of all those who have finished their course in faith
and now rest from their labor.
We praise you for those dear to us
whom we name in our hearts before you.
Especially we praise you for *Name,*
whom you have graciously received
into your presence.
To all of these, grant your peace.
Let perpetual light shine upon them;
and help us so to believe where we have not seen,
that your presence may lead us through our years,
and bring us at last with them
into the joy of your home
not made with hands but eternal in the heavens;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following prayer of confession and pardon may also be used.

Holy God, before you our hearts are open
and from you no secrets are hidden.
We bring to you now
our shame and sorrow for our sins.
We have forgotten
that our life is from you and unto you.
We have neither sought nor done your will.
We have not been truthful in our hearts,
in our speech, in our lives.
We have not loved as we ought to love.

Help us and heal us,
raising us from our sins into a better life,
that we may end our days in peace,
trusting in your kindness unto the end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, Christ who died for us, who rose for us,
who reigns at God's right hand and prays for us.
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry unto thee, O Lord!
Lord, hear my cry.
Let thine ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplication.
If thou, Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee,
that thou may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word do I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord is great mercy.
With him is plenteous redemption,
and he will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Proclamation and Response

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Arrangement of verses may be altered.
Preferred:
Isaiah 40:1-6, 8-11, 28-31
Recommended:
Exodus 14:5-14, 19-31
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7, 13, 15, 18-19, 25; 44:6, 8a
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13

PSALM 23

Sung or said by the people, standing.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Arrangement of verses may be altered.
Preferred:
1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-20, 35-44, 53-55, 57-58
Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27; 22:1-5
Recommended:
Romans 8:1-2, 5-6, 10-11, 14-19, 22-28, 31-32, 35-39
2 Corinthians 4:5-18
Ephesians 1:15-23; 2:1, 4-10
1 Peter 1:3-9, 13, 21-25
Revelation 7:2-3, 9-17

PSALM OR HYMN

Recommended, either here or after the Old Testament Lesson:
Psalm 42, 43, 46, 90, 91, 103, 116, 121, 139, 145, 146

GOSPEL LESSON
Arrangement of verses may be altered.
Preferred:
John 14:1-10a, 15-21, 25-27

Recommended:
Luke 24:13-35
John 11:1-5, 20-27, 32-35, 38-44

SERMON

A sermon may be preached, proclaiming the gospel in the face of death. It may lead into, or include, the following acts of naming and witness.

NAMING

The life and death of the deceased may be gathered up by the reading of a memorial or appropriate statement, or in other ways, by the pastor or others.

WITNESS

Family, friends, members of the congregation may briefly voice their thankfulness to God for the grace they have received in the life of the deceased, and their Christian faith and joy. Signs of faith, hope, and love may be exchanged.

HYMN OR SONG

CREED

The congregation, standing, may be led in the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

If the Creed has not been preceded by, it may be followed by, a hymn or musical response.

THE COMMENDATION

If the Committal is to conclude this service, it may be shortened and substituted for the Commendation.

PRAYERS

One or more of the following prayers may be offered, or other prayers may be used. They may take the form of a pastoral prayer, a series of shorter prayers, or a litany. Intercession, commendation of life, and thanksgiving are appropriate here, concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

God of us all, your love never ends.
When all else fails, you still are God.
We pray to you for one another in our need,
and for all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day.
To those who doubt, give light;
to those who are weak, strength;
to all who have sinned, mercy;
to all who sorrow, your peace.
Keep true in us
the love with which we hold each other.
In all our ways we trust you.
And to you,
with your Church on earth and in heaven,
we offer honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

O God, all that you have given us is yours.
As first you gave *Name* to us
so now we give *Name* back to you.
Here the minister, with others, standing near the coffin, may lay hands on it, continuing:
Receive *Name* into the arms of your mercy.

Raise *Name* up with all your people.
Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.
Help us so to love and serve you in this world
that we may enter into your joy in the world to come.
Amen.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant *Name.*
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive *Name* into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints of light.
Amen.

The minister may administer the Holy Communion to all present who wish to share at the Lord's Table, using An Order for Holy Communion below. Otherwise, the service continues with the following thanksgiving:

God of love, we thank you
for all with which you have blessed us
even to this day:
for the gift of joy in days of health and strength,
and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise
in days of pain and grief.
We praise you for home and friends,
and for our baptism and place in your Church
with all who have faithfully lived and died.
Above all else we thank you for Jesus,
who knew our griefs,
who died our death and rose for our sake,
and who lives and prays for us.
And he taught us, so now we pray.

All pray the Lord's Prayer.

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The Minister, facing the people, may pray one or more of the following, or other, words of dismissal with blessing.

Now may the God of Peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good
that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ;
to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Now may the Father
from whom every family in heaven and on earth
is named,
according to the riches of his glory,
grant you to be strengthened with might
through his Spirit in your inner being,
that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may be able to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Amen.

Now to the One who by the power at work within us
is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
to this God be glory in the Church
and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

An Order for Holy Communion

This order may be included in the Service following the Commendation, or before a common meal following the Service, or with the family at some time following the Service. If included

it replaces the thanksgiving, the Lord's Prayer, and the hymn at the end of the Commendation.

The bread and wine are brought to the table, or uncovered if already in place. The pastor makes any necessary preparation of the elements and then prays the following or another version of the Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right that we should always and everywhere
give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who rose victorious from the dead
and comforts us
with the blessed hope of everlasting life.
And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in communion with all your saints,
especially *Name* and all those most dear to us.
Finally, by your grace,
bring them and all of us to that table
where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God,
let us pray:

All pray the Lord's Prayer.
The minister breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.
The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

During the giving of the bread and wine,
hymns or songs of praise may be sung.
Then follows the Dismissal with Blessing.

An Order of Committal

This order is intended primarily for burial in the ground. However, it can be adapted for cremation or the interment of ashes, for burial above ground or at sea, or when the body is donated for medical purposes.
The pastor should preside.
Prayers and lections appropriate for a service for a child or youth, or for other distinctive occasions, may be used instead of the following.
When the people have gathered, one or more of the following are said:

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit which dwells in you.

Behold, I tell you a mystery!
We shall not all die, but we shall all be changed.
This perishable nature must put on the imperishable,
this mortal the immortal.
Then shall come to pass the saying,
"Death is swallowed up in victory."
"O death, where is your sting?
O grave, where is your victory?"
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices.
My body also shall rest in hope.
You, Lord, will show me the path of life.
In your presence is fullness of joy.
At your right hand are pleasures forever more.

The following prayer is offered:

Let us pray.

O God, you have ordered this wonderful world
and know all things in earth and in heaven.
Give us such faith that by day and by night,
at all times and in all places,
we may without fear commit ourselves
and those dear to us
to your never-failing love,
in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

One of the following or other Scriptures may be read:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you suffer trials so that the genuineness of your faith may prove itself worthy at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him, yet you love him; though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the harvest of your faith you reap the salvation of your souls.

Jesus said: Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Standing at the head of the coffin and facing it, while earth is cast upon it as the coffin is lowered into the grave, the minister says the following:

Almighty God, into your hands we commend your child *Name*, in sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This body we commit to the ground
(*or* the elements, *or* its resting place),
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Henceforth, says the Spirit,
they rest from their labors
and their works do follow them.

One or more of the following or other prayers is offered:

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
we thank you for those we love but see no more.
Receive into your arms your servant *Name*,
and grant that increasing in knowledge and love of you,
he/she may go from strength to strength
in service to your heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
look with pity upon the sorrow of your servants,
for whom we pray.
Amidst things they cannot understand,
help them to trust in your care.
Bless them and keep them.
Make your face to shine upon them
and be gracious to them.
Lift up your countenance upon them
and give them peace. **Amen.**

O God, whose days are without end,
make us deeply aware of the shortness
and uncertainty of our human life.
Raise us from sin into love and goodness,
that when we depart this life we may rest in Christ
and receive the blessing he has promised
to those who love and serve him:

"Come, you blessed of my Father,
receive the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
Grant this, merciful Father,
through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer.
Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of our troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over and our work is done.

Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, you have shared with us the life of *Name.*
Before *he/she* was ours, *he/she* is yours.
For all that *Name* has given us to make us what we are,
for that of *him/her* which lives and grows in each of us,
and for *his/her* life that in your love will never end,
we give you thanks.
As now we offer *Name* back into your arms,
comfort us in our loneliness,
strengthen us in our weakness,
and give us courage to face the future unafraid.
Draw those of us who remain in this life
closer to one another,
make us faithful to serve one another,
and give us to know that peace and joy
which is eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer may follow.
A hymn or song may be sung.
The minister dismisses the people with the following or another blessing:

Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling,
and to present you faultless
before the presence of his glory
with exceeding joy,
to the only God our Savior
be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
both now and forever more. **Amen.**

Sources of Prayers for General Services

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A SUNDAY SERVICE (Complete text)

Opening Prayer—*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 355 (alt.)

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GREETINGS

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

The texts of the declaration of intention, the marriage vows, the exchange of rings, the minister's announcement that the couple are husband and wife, and the blessing of the marriage are adapted from "The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage" in *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 423ff.

A SERVICE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION

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Cultos Principales de la Iglesia

Prefacio

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Orden Del Culto de los Domingos

La flexibilidad es condición indispensable en todos los órdenes de culto en nuestros días. Dichos órdenes deben adaptarse a las diferentes necesidades y circunstancias de nuestras congregaciones.

Ofrecemos aquí un orden de culto para la proclamación de la Palabra de Dios y la celebración del Sacramento de la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor, Eucaristía). Está planeado

para expresar las fases históricas y teológicas en que la adoración cristiana basa su integridad. Este orden de culto, aunque es uno sólo, se presenta en varios formatos, con el fin de demostrar cómo se puede adaptar a situaciones diferentes.

Mediante "Un Modelo Básico de Culto" y "Un Esquema del Culto Dominical" se intenta simplificar la estructura básica de dicho orden.

En "Un Orden para el Culto Dominical" se desarrolla el esquema y se puede usar en la preparación de cultos que pueden ser dirigidos ya sea anunciando cada parte o mediante un programa (boletín) impreso para esa ocasión.

En lugar del programa, las congregaciones que lo prefieran pueden usar un texto ya impreso para ese propósito, tal como *Un Servicio de la Palabra y Sacramento* (Texto Completo). Se sugiere que este texto sea impreso por separado, en un folleto de ocho páginas que se puede pegar en el interior de la tapa de atrás del himnario.

El folleto "La Santa Cena (Texto Abreviado) (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor, Eucaristía)" ha sido preparado para aquellas congregaciones que prefieren seguir un programa impreso o ser dirigidas por alguien durante el culto, pero usar un texto impreso para el Servicio de la Santa Cena. Este folleto también será de interés para aquellas congregaciones que prefieren un texto más breve, que permita al pastor usar sus propias palabras en el resto del culto. Este texto breve es apropiado también para cultos en hogares o en otras celebraciones informales.

El folleto "La Santa Cena (Texto Mínimo)" está diseñado para usarlo con los enfermos o los que están recluídos o en otras situaciones en que la brevedad es esencial y en que la capacidad de las personas para responder oralmente puede estar limitada.

También se ofrece aquí una selección de alternativas para diferentes actos de adoración. Se sugiere que estos y otros materiales para el culto sean publicados con el Ritual con el fin de ofrecer una mayor flexibilidad.

También se sugiere que la parte de "Acción de Gracias y Santa Cena" de "Un Orden para el Culto Dominical" se publique separadamente para usarlo en otras ocasiones.

Un Modelo Básico de Culto

Entrada y Alabanza

La congregación se reúne en el nombre del Señor. Puede haber saludos, música y cantos, oración y alabanza.

Proclamación y Respuesta

El contenido de las Sagradas Escrituras se ofrece a la congregación a través de la lectura de pasajes bíblicos, de la predicación, del testimono, de la música o de otras formas artísticas; también se puede incluir salmos, cánticos e himnos. La respuesta a la Palabra de Dios puede incluir actos de consagración y de fe con peticiones, oraciones, ofrendas y dedicación al servicio del prójimo.

Acción de Gracias y Santa Cena
(Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)

En los cultos con Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), se reviven los actos de Jesús en el Aposento Alto:
tomando el pan y la copa,
dando gracias por el pan y el vino,
partiendo el pan y
compartiendo el pan y el vino
Cuando no se celebre la Santa Cena, se da gracias a Dios por Su omnipotente obra en Jesucristo.

Despedida

La congregación es enviada a cumplir con su ministerio con la bendición del Señor.

Un Esquema del Culto Dominical

Llegada de la congregación
Saludo
Himno de Alabanza
Oración(es) Inicial(es)
[Acto de Alabanza]
[Oración de Invocación]
Lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras
[Salmo]
[Lectura Bíblica]
Himno o Canto
Lectura del Evangelio
Mensaje
Respuesta a la Palabra
Peticiones y Oraciones
[Confesión y Perdón]
La Paz
Ofrenda

Con Santa Cena	*o Sin Santa Cena*
(Santa Comunión,	*(Santa Comunión,*
Cena del Señor	*Cena del Señor*
o Eucaristía)	*o Eucaristía)*
Tomando el Pan y la Copa	
La Gran Acción de Gracias	Oración de Acción
Partiendo el Pan	de Gracias terminando
Compartiendo el Pan y la Copa	con el Padre Nuestro

Himno o Canto
Despedida con la Bendición
Salida

Un Orden Del Culto Dominical
Apertura y Alabanza

LLEGADA DE LA CONGREGACIÓN

La congregación se reúne en el nombre del Señor. Mientras va llegando la gente, puede hacerse una o más de la siguientes actividades:

Saludos, conversación y hermandad de tipo informal
Bienvenida y anuncios
Ensayo de música y de otros actos de adoración
Canto congregacional informal
Meditación en silencio y oración personal
Música de órgano o de algún otro tipo de instrumento musical

SALUDO

El/La líder saluda a la congregación en nombre del Señor, afirmando que el Señor está presente y los prepara para este culto de adoración.

HIMNO DE ALABANZA

Todos alaban al Señor. Si es un himno procesional, puede cantarse antes del saludo.

ORACIÓN(ES) INICIAL(ES)

Puede usarse una o más de las siguientes:

Oración del Día

Confesión y Perdón
Letanía

[ACTO DE ALABANZA]

Se puede cantar o decir "Gloria a Dios en las Alturas", un salmo, un himno o algún otro acto de alabanza.

Proclamación y Respuesta

[Oración de Invocación]

Se invoca la bendición del Espíritu Santo sobre los que leerán, predicarán, oirán y pondrán en práctica la Palabra. Si es omite el acto de alabanza anterior, puede incluirse esta oración en la(s) oración(es) inicial(es).

LECTURA BÍBLICA

[SALMO]

Se puede cantar o leer en voz alta un salmo o parte de un salmo.

[LECTURA BÍBLICA]

HIMNO O CÁNTICO

Se puede cantar un himno o un cántico relacionado con alguno de los pasajes bíblicos leídos.

LECTURA DE LOS EVANGELIOS

SERMÓN

Éste puede incluir la interpretación de uno o más de los pasajes bíblicos leídos.

RESPUESTA A LA PALABRA

Las respuestas pueden incluir uno o más de los siguientes actos: Himno de Invitación o Respuesta, que puede seguir a una

invitación al discipulado cristiano.
El Bautismo, la Confirmación, la Renovación, otra Afirmación de Fe o recepción de miembros.

PETICIONES Y ORACIONES

El/La líder o espontáneamente algún miembro de la congregación puede dirigir momentos breves de intercesión, petición y acción de gracias. A cada una de estas breves oraciones la congregación puede responder al unísono: "Señor, escucha nuestra oración".
O se puede usar una letanía de intercesión y petición.
O se puede ofrecer una oración pastoral.

[CONFESIÓN Y PERDÓN]

Hay ciertas ocasiones en que es apropiado tener un acto de confesión y perdón y, si no se ha hecho antes en el culto, el/la pastor(a) puede invitar a la congregación a la reflexión personal y a la confesión, guiándola en la confesión de los pecados y ofreciendo el perdón de Dios para los penitentes.

LA PAZ

Los miembros de la congregación intercambian expresiones de reconciliación y de amor.

OFRENDA

Mientra se recibe la ofrenda se puede cantar algún himno, salmo o cántico.
Si se va a celebrar la Santa Cena, (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía) algunos miembros de la congregación pueden traer el pan y el vino a la mesa del Señor, junto con las otras ofrendas o pueden destaparlos si ya están en su lugar.
Se puede cantar un himno, una doxología o tener otro tipo de respuesta congregacional cuando las ofrendas se traen a la mesa del Señor.

Acción de Gracias y Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)

AL TOMAR EL PAN Y EL VINO

Si se va a celebrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), el/la pastor(a) se encarga de hacer que los elementos sean preparados oportunamente.

Si no se va a celebrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), se continuará con una oración de Acción de Gracias y con la Oración del Señor. Se continúa con la Acción de Gracias, pero sin hacer referencias a la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía). Se puede tener un momento breve de silencio antes el acto de compartir la Eucaristía (Santa Cena, Santa Comunión).

ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

*P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: Eleven sus corazones.
C.: **Los elevamos al Señor.**
P.: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
C.: **Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.**

El/La pastor(a) da las gracias adecuadas para esta ocasión, recordando la obra de salvación de Dios, y agrega:

Señor, con todo Tu pueblo sobre la tierra y toda la compañía del cielo, alabamos Tu nombre y nos unimos en el himno eterno:

Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor, Dios Todopoderoso.
Llenos están los cielos y la tierra de Tu gloria.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!

El/La pastor(a) continúa con la Acción de Gracias. Si se va a celebrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), el/la pastor(a) continúa con la Oración de Consagración.

Luego dice:

Oh Dios, en memoria de Tu obra poderosa, realizada por medio de Jesucristo, ofrecemos nuestras vidas en alabanza y acción de gracias como sacrificio vivo y santo,
en unión con el sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros, para que nuestras vidas proclamen el misterio de la fe.

Cristo ha muerto, Cristo ha resucitado, Cristo vendrá otra vez.

El/La pastor(a) invoca la acción del Espíritu Santo y alaba a la Trinidad, agregando estas palabras:

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*En las lecturas alternadas se usan las siguientes abreviaturas:
C = Congregación; L = Líder; P = Pastor(a).

A Ti sea todo honor y toda gloria, Padre (o Dios) Omnipotente, ahora y siempre.

Amén.

Todos se unen en el Padre Nuestro.

PARTIENDO EL PAN

El/La pastor(a) parte el pan en silencio o con palabras adecuadas. Luego levanta la copa en silencio o con palabras adecuadas.

COMPARTIENDO EL PAN Y EL VINO

A *continuación se sirve la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía) a la congregación usando estas palabras u otras de significado similar:*

El cuerpo de Cristo que fue entregado por ti.
La sangre de Cristo que fue derramada por ti.

La congregación canta himnos mientras se sirve la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía).
Cuando todos han recibido estos elementos, se pone en orden la mesa del Señor.
El/La pastor(a) ofrece una oración de gracias.

Despedida

HIMNO O CANTO

BENDICIÓN

SALIDA

La congregación va a cumplir con su ministerio.
Puede terminarse con un postludio al órgano u otros instrumento musical.

Un Servicio de Palabra y Sacramento (Texto Completo)

Apertura y Alabanza

LLEGADA DE LA CONGREGACIÓN

SALUDO

P.: La Gracia del Señor Jesucristo sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: El Cristo resucitado está con nosotros.
C.: **¡Alabemos al Señor!**

HIMNO DE ALABANZA

ORACIÓN INICIAL. *Se ofrece la siguiente oración u otra similar:*

Dios Todopoderoso, para quien todos los corazones están abiertos,
todos los deseos conocidos y ningún secreto encubierto,
purifica los pensamientos de nuestros corazones
por la inspiración de Tu Santo Espíritu,
para que podamos amarte plenamente,
y alabar dignamente Tu santo nombre,
por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
Amen.

[ACTO DE ALABANZA]

Proclamación y Respuesta

ORACIÓN DE INVOCACIÓN

Señor, abre nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes
con el poder de Tu Espíritu Santo,
de tal manera que, al leerse las Escrituras
y al proclamarse Tu Palabra,
podamos oír con gozo lo que Tú nos dices hoy.
Amén.

LECTURA BÍBLICA

[SALMO] *Ya sea como cántico o como lectura.*

[LECTURA BÍBLICA]

HIMNO O CÁNTICO

LECTURA DE LOS EVANGELIOS

SERMÓN

RESPUESTA A LA PALABRA

Las respuestas pueden expresarse en una o más de las siguientes formas: un himno de invitación o de consagración, que puede cantarse después de una invitación al discipulado cristiano.
Bautismo, Confirmación, Renovación u otra Afirmación de Fe
o bien
Recepción de Miembros.

Creo en Dios, Padre (u omitir) Todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra;
y en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, Señor nuestro,
que fue concebido del Espíritu Santo,
nació de la virgen María,
padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado;
al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos,
ascendió al cielo
y está sentado a la diestra de Dios, Padre (u omitir) Todopoderoso,
de donde vendrá a juzgar a los vivos y los muertos.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo,
la Santa Iglesia universal,
la comunión de los santos,
el perdón de los pecados,
la resurreción del cuerpo
y la vida eterna.
Amén.

PETICIONES Y ORACIONES

El/La líder, o espontáneamente algún miembro de la congregación, dirige oraciones breves de intercesión, petición y acción de gracias. Después de cada oración breve, la congregación responde al unísono: "Señor, escucha nuestra oración."
O se puede usar una letanía de intercesión y petición
O se puede ofrecer una oración pastoral.

CONFESIÓN Y PERDÓN

En la Santa Cena
(Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía):
Cristo nuestro Señor invita a
Su mesa a los que lo aman, a
los que verdadera y sinceramente
se arrepienten de sus pecados
y procuran vivir en paz y amor
con el prójimo.
Confesemos, por lo tanto,
nuestro pecado
delante de Dios y unos a otros.

En Otros Cultos:
Cristo nuestro Señor
llama a
todos los que lo aman
para que verdadera y
sinceramente se arrepientan
de sus pecados
y vivan en paz y amor
con el prójimo.
Confesemos, por lo tanto,
nuestros pecados
delante de Dios
y unos a otros.

Dios misericordioso,
confesamos que con frecuencia no
hemos sido una iglesia fiel.
No hemos cumplido con Tu voluntad,
hemos violado Tu ley,
nos hemos rebelado en contra de Tu amor,
no hemos amado a nuestro prójimo y
no hemos escuchado la voz del necesitado.
Perdónanos, Señor, te lo rogamos.
Libéranos para que te sirvamos con gozo,
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

Todos oran en silencio.
P.: Escuchen la buena nueva:
"Dios muestra su amor para con nosotros,
en que siendo aún pecadores,
Cristo murió por nosotros" (Romanos 5:8, R.V.R.).
¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, son perdonados!
C.: **¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, eres perdonado!**

Todos: **Gloria a Dios, Amén.**

LA PAZ

Ofrezcámonos unos a otros la reconciliación y el amor cristianos.
Todos se saludan en la forma sugerida.

OFRENDA

P.: Habiendo sido perdonados y reconciliados, ofrezcámonos a nosotros mismos y nuestras ofrendas a Dios.
Mientras se recibe la ofrenda, se puede cantar un himno, un salmo o tener música especial.
Si se va a celebrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), las personas designadas previamente llevan los elementos junto con las ofrendas a la mesa del Señor. Si éstos ya han sido colocados, se destapan en este momento. Mientras se llevan las ofrendas a la mesa, se puede cantar un himno, una doxología o tener otra forma de participación congregacional.

Acción de Gracias y Santa Cena
(Cena del Señor, Santa Comunión o Eucaristía)

COMPARTIENDO EL PAN Y EL VINO

Si se va a celebrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), el/la pastor(a) destapa el pan y la copa para la Cena.
Si no se va a celebrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), se omiten de la Acción de Gracias las palabras que se refieren solamente a la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía) y que aparecen marcadas con una línea vertical en el margen izquierdo.

ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: Eleven sus corazones.
C.: **Los elevamos hacia el Señor.**
P.: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
C.: **Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.**
P.: Oremos: Es verdaderamente digno y justo darte gracias en todo tiempo y en todo lugar, Dios (Padre) Todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra.
Tú nos creaste a Tu imagen y semejanza,
y nos diste vida con Tu aliento.

Cuando nos apartamos de Ti y te olvidamos,
Tu amor permaneció inmutable.

Tú nos libraste del cautiverio,
hiciste un pacto para ser nuestro Dios soberano,
y nos hablaste por medio de Tus profetas.
Y así, con todo Tu pueblo y con toda la compañía del cielo,
alabamos Tu nombre y nos unimos en el himno eterno:

Santo, santo, santo es el Señor, Dios Todopoderoso.
Llenos están los cielos y la tierra de Tu gloria.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!
Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!

Santo eres Tú y bendito es Tu Hijo Jesucristo,
al que ungiste con Tu Espíritu
para que diera buenas nuevas a los pobres,
sanara a los quebrantados de corazón,
pregonara libertad a los cautivos y vista a los ciegos
y pusiera en libertad a los oprimidos;
para que predicara el año agradable del Señor.

Él sanó a los enfermos, dio de comer a los hambrientos, y comió con los pecadores.

Mediante el bautismo de Su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección,
diste nacimiento a Tu iglesia,
nos liberaste de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte
e hiciste con nosotros un nuevo pacto mediante el agua y el Espíritu.
Cuando el Señor Jesús ascendió a los cielos
Él prometió que estaría siempre con nosotros,
en el poder de Tu Palabra y del Espíritu Santo.

"El Señor Jesús, la noche que fue entregado,
tomó pan; y habiendo dado gracias, lo partió, y dijo:
Tomad, comed; esto es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es partido;
haced esto en memoria de mí.
Asimismo tomó también la copa, después de haber cenado,
diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre; haced esto
todas las veces que la bebiereis, en memoria de mí."

Por eso,
recordando Tu gran misericordia
que has mostrado en Jesucristo,

te rogamos aceptes este nuestro sacrificio
de alabanza y acción de gracias
como un sacrificio vivo y santo,
en respuesta al sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros,
para que nuestras vidas proclamen el misterio de la fe.

Cristo ha muerto, Cristo ha resucitado, Cristo vendrá otra vez.

Derrama Tu Santo Espíritu sobre los que estamos aquí reunidos, y sobre estos dones de pan y vino. Haz que sean para nosotros el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, para que seamos el cuerpo de Cristo para el mundo, redimidos por Su sangre.

Mediante el poder de Tu Espíritu, haznos uno con Cristo, uno con los demás y uno en la obra del ministerio a todo el mundo, hasta que Cristo venga en la victoria final y podamos todos participar en el banquete celestial.

Mediante Tu Hijo Jesucristo, con el Espíritu Santo en Tu santa Iglesia, a Ti sean todo honor y toda gloria, Padre Omnipotente, ahora y siempre.

Amén.

Y ahora, con la certeza de ser hijos de Dios, oremos:

"Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu reino. Hágase Tu voluntad, como en el cielo así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque Tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén."

PARTIENDO EL PAN

El/La pastor(a) parte el pan en silencio o diciendo:

Porque hay un solo pan, así nosotros, siendo muchos, somos un cuerpo en Cristo, y todos miembros los unos de los otros, pues todos participamos de aquel mismo pan. El pan que partimos es la comunión del cuerpo de Cristo.

El/La pastor(a) levanta la copa en silencio o diciendo:

La copa por la cual te damos gracias es la comunión de la sangre de Cristo.

COMPARTIENDO EL PAN Y EL VINO

Se sirve el pan y el vino a la congregación, diciendo estas palabras u otras adecuadas:

El cuerpo de Cristo que fue entregado por ti.
La sangre de Cristo que fue derramada por ti.

Mientras la congregación recibe el sacramento, se pueden cantar algunos himnos. Cuando todos hayan recibido los elementos, se deja en orden la mesa del Señor. El/La pastor(a) o toda la congregación ofrece a continuación la siguiente oración:

Dios eterno, te damos gracias por este misterio santo en que te has entregado a nosotros.
Concédenos que podamos vivir en el mundo
con la fuerza de Tu Espíritu,
y entregarnos al servicio de nuestro prójimo,
en el nombre de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

Despedida

HIMNO O CANTO

BENDICIÓN

Vayan en paz. La gracias del Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con todos ustedes. **Amén.**

DESPEDIDA DE LA CONGREGACIÓN

La Santa Cena (Texto Abreviado)

La congregación se reúne en el nombre del Señor y ofrece su oración y alabanza. Se leen y predican las Sagradas Escrituras. Se responde con alabanza, fe y oración. El servicio continúa de la manera siguiente:

CONFESIÓN Y PERDÓN

P.: Cristo, nuestro Señor, invita a Su mesa a los que lo aman, a los que sinceramente se arrepienten de sus pecados y procuran vivir en paz con el prójimo. Confesemos, por lo tanto, nuestro pecado delante de Dios y unos a otros.

Todos: **Dios misericordioso, confesamos que a menudo no Te hemos sido fieles. No hemos cumplido Tu voluntad, nos hemos rebelado contra Tu amor, no hemos amado a nuestro prójimo y no hemos escuchado la voz del necesitado. Te rogamos, Señor, que nos perdones. Libéranos para que te sirvamos con gozo, mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.**

Todos oran en silencio.

P.: Escuchen la buena nueva: "Dios muestra Su amor para con nosotros, en que siendo aún pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros." ¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, son perdonados!
C.: ¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, eres perdonado!
Todos: *El/La pastor(a) y la congregación:* **Gloria a Dios. Amén.**

LA PAZ

P.: Ofrezcámonos unos a otros la reconciliación y el amor cristianos.

Todos se saludan.

OFRENDA

P.: Habiendo sido perdonados y reconciliados, ofrezcámonos a nosotros mismos y nuestras ofrendas a Dios.

Mientras se recibe la ofrenda, se puede cantar un himno, un salmo o tener música especial. Se lleva el pan y la copa junto con las ofrendas a la mesa del Señor. Si estos ya han sido colocados, el/la pastor(a) los destapa en este momento.

CONSAGRACIÓN DE LOS ELEMENTOS

El/La pastor(a) toma el pan y la copa y los prepara para la Cena.

ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: Eleven sus corazones.
C.: **Los elevamos hacia el Señor.**
P.: Demos gracias el Señor nuestro Dios.
C.: **Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.**

P.: Es verdaderamente digno y justo darte gracias en todo tiempo y en todo lugar, Padre Todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra. . . . Y así, con todo Tu pueblo y con toda la compañía del cielo, alabamos Tu nombre y nos unimos en el himno eterno:

Santo, santo, santo es el Señor, Dios todopoderoso.
Llenos están los cielos y la tierra de Tu gloria.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!
Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!

Santo eres Tú y bendito es Tu Hijo Jesucristo. . . . Mediante el bautismo de Su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección diste nacimiento a Tu iglesia, nos liberaste de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte e hiciste con nosotros un nuevo pacto mediante el agua y el Espíritu . . .

"El Señor Jesús, la noche que fue entregado, tomó pan; y habiendo dado gracias, lo partió, y dijo: Tomad, comed; esto es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es partido; haced esto en memoria de mí. Asimismo tomó también la copa, después de haber cenado, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre; haced esto todas las veces que la bebiereis, en memoria de mí."

Y así, recordando los méritos de Tu Hijo Jesucristo, te rogamos aceptes este nuestro sacrificio de alabanza y acción de gracias como un sacrificio vivo y santo en respuesta al sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros, para que nuestras vidas proclamen el misterio de la fe.

Cristo ha muerto, Cristo ha resucitado, Cristo vendrá otra vez.

Derrama Tu Santo Espíritu sobre los que estamos aquí reunidos y sobre estos dones del pan y el vino. Haz que sean para nosotros el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, para que seamos el cuerpo de Cristo para el mundo, redimidos por Su sangre.

Mediante el poder de tu Espíritu, haznos uno con Cristo, uno con los demás y uno en la obra del ministerio a todo el mundo, hasta que Cristo venga en la victoria final y podamos todos participar en el banquete celestial.

Mediante Tu Hijo Jesucristo, con el Espíritu Santo en Tu santa iglesia, a Ti sean todo honor y toda gloria, Padre Omnipotente, ahora y siempre. **Amén.**

Y ahora, con la certeza de ser hijos e hijas de Dios, oremos:

"Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén."

PARTIENDO EL PAN

El/La pastor(a) parte el pan y luego levanta la copa en silencio o con palabras adecuadas.

COMPARTIENDO EL PAN Y EL VINO

Se comparten el pan y el vino con la congregación, diciendo estas palabras u otras adecuadas:
El cuerpo de Cristo, que fue entregado por ti.
La sangre de Cristo, que fue derramada por ti.

Mientras la congregación recibe el sacramento, se pueden cantar algunos himnos. Cuando todos han recibido los elementos, se deja en orden la mesa del Señor. El/La pastor(a) pronuncia una oración de gracias después de la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía).

DESPEDIDA

Se puede cantar un último himno.

El/La pastor(a) despide a la congregación con esta bendición:
Vayan en paz. La gracia del Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con todos ustedes. **Amén.**

La Santa Cena
(Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)
(Texto Mínimo)

La congregación se reúne y se intercambian saludos en nombre del Señor. Se leen y se predican las Sagradas Escrituras. Se responde con oración y alabanza. El/La pastor(a), entonces, hace la siguiente invitación u otra apropiada a la ocasión, diciendo:

Cristo, nuestro Señor, invita a Su mesa a los que lo aman y buscan ser semejantes a Él. Acerquémonos con fe, presentemos humildemente nuestra confesión y preparémonos para recibir este santo sacramento.

Todos: **Nosotros no pretendemos venir a ésta Tu mesa, oh Señor misericordioso, confiando en nuestra rectitud, sino en Tus muchas y grandes misericordias. No somo dignos de que Tú nos recibas, pero danos Tu palabra y seremos sanados, mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.**

P.: Escuchen la buena nueva: "Dios muestra su amor para con nosotros, en que siendo aún pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros." ¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, son perdonados!

Todos intercambian expresiones de paz en el nombre de Dios. El/La pastor(a) destapa el pan y la copa y ofrece la oración de gracias de la manera siguiente:

Eleven sus corazones y den gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. Padre (Dios) Todopoderoso, Tú nos creaste a Tu imagen y semejanza, para amar y para ser amados. Cuando nos apartamos de Ti y Te olvidamos, Tu amor permanece firme. Mediante el sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección de Tu único Hijo Jesucristo, nos libraste de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte e hiciste con nosotros un nuevo pacto por medio del agua y del Espíritu.

"El Señor Jesús, la noche que fue entregado, tomó pan; y habiendo dado gracias, lo partió, y dijo:

" 'Tomad, comed; esto es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es partido; haced esto en memoria de mí.' Asimismo tomó también la copa, después de haber cenado, diciendo: 'Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre; haced esto, todas las veces que la bebiereis, en memoria de mí' " (I Corintios 11:23-25, R.V.R.).

Y así, recordando los méritos de Tu Hijo Jesucristo, te rogamos aceptes este nuestro sacrificio de alabanza y acción de gracias como sacrificio vivo y santo en respuesta al sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros. Derrama tu Santo Espíritu sobre los que estamos aquí reunidos y sobre estos dones del pan y del vino. Haz que sean para nosotros el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, para que seamos el cuerpo de Cristo para el mundo, redimidos por Su sangre.

Mediante el poder de Tu Espíritu, haznos uno con Cristo, uno con los demás y uno en la obra del ministerio a todo el mundo, hasta

que Cristo venga en la victoria final y podamos todos participar en el banquete celestial. Mediante Tu Hijo Jesucristo, con El Espíritu Santo en Tu santa iglesia, a Ti sean todo honor y toda gloria, Padre Omnipotente, ahora y siempre.

Amén.

P.: Y ahora, con la certeza de ser hijos e hijas de Dios, oremos:

"Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad como en el cielo así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino y el poder, y la gloria por todos los siglos. Amén."

El/La pastor(a) parte el pan y luego ofrece los elementos a la congregación, diciendo estas palabras u otras adecuadas:

El cuerpo de Cristo, que fue entregado por ti.
La sangre de Cristo, que fue derramada por ti.

Cuando todos han recibido estos elementos, se deja en orden la mesa del Señor. El/La pastor(a) pronuncia una oración de gracias después de la Santa Cena. Se puede cantar un último himno.

BENDICIÓN

La gracia del Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con todos ustedes. **Amén.**

Actos Alternativos de Culto
Saludos

1

P.: La gracia del Señor Jesucristo sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y con tu espíritu.**
P.: El Cristo resucitado está con nosotros.
C.: **¡Alabemos al Señor!**

2

P.: La gracia y la paz de Dios nuestro Padre y del Señor Jesucristo sean con ustedes.
Todos: **Amén.**
P.: ¡El Cristo resucitado está con nosotros!
C.: **¡Alabemos al Señor!**

3
P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y con tu espíritu.**

4
P.: En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.
Todos: **Amén.**

Oraciones Iniciales

1 *(para usarse en cualquiera ocasión)*

Dios todopoderoso,
para quien todos los corazones están abiertos,
todos los deseos conocidos,
y ningún secreto encubierto,
purifica los pensamientos de nuestros corazones
por la inspiración de Tu Santo Espíritu,
para que te podamos amar plenamente
y celebrar dignamente Tu santo nombre;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

2 *(para usarse en cualquiera ocasión)*

Dios todopoderoso, Tú siempre permaneces,
Tú eres glorioso en santidad, lleno de amor y compasión,
abundante en gracia y en verdad.
Toda Tu creación y todo Tu pueblo te alaban,
y Tu gloria se revela en Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador.
Por lo tanto, te alabamos, bendita y santa Trinidad,
un solo Dios, ahora y siempre. **Amén.**

3 *(para usarse el día domingo)*

Dios todopoderoso,
al resucitar a Jesucristo Tu Hijo,
destruiste el poder del pecado y de la muerte
y abriste para nosotros la vida eterna.
En este día del Señor,
en que celebramos la resurrección de Jesucristo,
te rogamos que el poder de Tu Palabra
y de Tu Santo Espíritu
eleve y renueve nuestras vidas;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

4 *(para usarse en el día domingo)*

Dios de toda gloria, recordamos que
en este primer día comenzaste la creación,
poniendo luz en medio de las tinieblas.
En este primer día comenzaste también Tu nueva creación,
al resucitar a Jesucristo de las sombras de la muerte.
Concédenos a nosotros, el pueblo
que has creado mediante el agua y el Espíritu,
que seamos transformados por Tu Palabra
y vivamos en la luz de la resurrección;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Nuestro Credo Social

Creemos en Dios, Creador del mundo;
y en Jesucristo, Redentor de la creación.
Creemos en el Espíritu Santo,
a través de quien conocemos los dones de Dios,
y nos arrepentimos del pecado que cometemos
al usar nuestros dones con fines idólatras.
Creemos que el mundo natural es obra de Dios,
y nos consagramos a su preservación,
a su mejoramiento y a promover su buen uso por la humanidad.
Recibimos con regocijo, para nosotros mismos y para los demás,
las bendiciones de la comunidad, la sexualidad,
el matrimonio y la familia.
Nos consagramos a la defensa de los derechos de los hombres,
de las mujeres, de los niños, de los jóvenes, de las personas mayores
y de aquéllos que tienen limitaciones físicas;
nos comprometemos al mejoramiento de la calidad de vida;
y a proteger los derechos y la dignidad de las minorías
raciales, étnicas y religiosas.

Creemos que cada persona tiene el derecho y el deber de trabajar
por su propio bien y el de la comunidad,
y que tiene derecho a la protección de su bienestar mientras lo hace;
creemos que el derecho de propiedad nos ha sido confiado por Dios,
como también el contrato colectivo y el consumo responsable;
además, que debemos luchar por la eliminación de la miseria social y económica.
Nos consagramos a trabajar por la paz en el mundo y por el
dominio de la justicia y la ley entre las naciones.

Creemos en la victoria presente y futura
de la Palabra de Dios en los asuntos humanos,
aceptamos con alegría nuestro cometido
de poner de manifiesto en el mundo la vida del evangelio.
Amén.

(Traducido de *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, 1980, ¶ 76.)

Letanías de Intercesión

1

Oremos por la iglesia y por el mundo.
Concédenos, Oh Dios eterno, que todos los que confiesen
Tu Nombre puedan unirse en Tu verdad, vivir en Tu amor
y revelar Tu gloria al mundo. *Silencio.*

Señor, en Tu misericordia,
escucha nuestra oración.

Guía al pueblo de esta tierra y de todas las naciones, por Tus caminos de justicia y paz, para que nos honremos unos a otros y sirvamos el bien común. *Silencio.*

Señor (Dios), en Tu misericordia,
escucha nuestra oración.

Enséñanos a respetar la tierra como creación Tuya, para que usemos debidamente sus recursos en el servicio de los demás y para Tu honra y gloria. *Silencio.*

Señor (Dios), en Tu misericordia,
escucha nuestra oración.

Bendice a aquéllos con quienes vivimos en contacto y concédenos que sirvamos a Cristo en ellos, y nos amemos unos a otros como Él nos ama. *Silencio.*

Señor (Dios), en Tu misericordia,
escucha nuestra oración.

Consuela y sana a los que sufren en el cuerpo, en la mente o en el espíritu; dales ánimo y esperanza en sus dificultades y llévales el gozo de Tu salvación. *Silencio.*

Señor (Dios), en Tu misericordia,
escucha nuestra oración.

Encomendamos a Tu misericordia a todos los que han dejado este mundo, para que Tu voluntad se cumpla en ellos; y te rogamos que nos permitas participar con todos Tus santos en el reino eterno. *Silencio.*

Señor (Dios), en Tu misericordia
escucha nuestra oración,
porque Tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

2

Oremos:

Para que el mundo viva en paz y que la iglesia alcance completa unidad, cumpliendo fielmente su misión aquí y en todas partes.
Te suplicamos, Señor.

Que todos los pastores y los maestros de la Iglesia sean siervos fieles del evangelio, guiando a los demás en los caminos de Dios y fortaleciéndolos en su fe.
Te suplicamos, Señor.

Que los gobernantes de este país y de todo el mundo ejerzan sus funciones en espíritu de justicia y de misericordia, para que todas las naciones puedan vivir libres de la opresión y de la esclavitud y que la pobreza sea erradicada por completo.
Te suplicamos, Señor.

Que toda nuestra obra se realice pensando en el bien común, que sea una ayuda para los que no tienen empleo, que podamos trabajar protegidos de todo peligro y que pueda realizar los dones y satisfacer las necesidades de todos.
Te suplicamos, Señor.

Que todos los que trabajan en la búsqueda de nuevos conocimientos y todos los que enriquecen nuestras vidas con belleza y alegría sean libres para seguir sus vocaciones.
Te suplicamos, Señor.

Que todos los que padecen enfermedades, soledad o aflicción puedan ser sanados y consolados.
Te suplicamos, Señor.

Que todos los seres que hemos conocido y amado y que han muerto en la fe sean un glorioso recuerdo para nosotros, así como una fuente de comunión renovada con todos los santos.
Te suplicamos, Señor, porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

Oraciones de Confesión

1

Dios misericordioso,
confesamos que con frecuencia no hemos sido una iglesia obediente,
no hemos hecho Tu voluntad,
hemos quebrantado Tu ley,
nos hemos rebelado contra Tu amor,
no hemos amado a nuestro prójimo,
y hemos sido indiferentes ante los necesitados.
Te rogamos que nos perdones.
Libéranos para obedecerte con gozo,
por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

2

Dios misericordioso,
confesamos que hemos pecado contra Ti
en pensamiento, palabra y obra,
por lo que hemos hecho
o hemos dejado sin hacer.
No te hemos amado de todo corazón;
no hemos amado a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos.
Lo lamentamos y nos arrepentimos
humildemente de nuestras culpas.
Por Jesucristo, Tu Hijo,
ten misericordia de nosotros y perdónanos;
y concede que de ahora en adelante
encontremos gozo en hacer Tu voluntad
y en caminar por Tus sendas,
para gloria de Tu Nombre. **Amén.**

3 (cuando se va a servir la Santa Cena, Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)

Nosotros no pretendemos venir a ésta Tu mesa,
¡oh Señor misericordioso!, confiando en nuestra rectitud,
sino en Tus muchas y grandes misericordias.

No somos dignos de que Tú nos recibas,
pero di Tu palabra y seremos sanados,
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Palabras de Perdón

1

P.: Escuchen las buenas nuevas:
"Dios muestra Su amor para con nosotros, en que siendo aún pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros."
¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, son perdonados!
C.: **¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, eres perdonado!**
Todos: **Gloria a Dios. Amén.**

2

Escuchen la buenas nuevas:
"Dios muestra su amor para con nosotros,
en que siendo aún pecadores,
Cristo murió por nosotros."
¡En el nombre de Jesucristo, son perdonados!

3

Que Dios todopoderoso tenga misericordia de ti,
perdone todos tus pecados
mediante nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
te fortalezca en el bien,
y mediante la acción del Espíritu Santo
te guarde en la vida eterna.

4

Por la misericordia de Dios todopoderoso,
Jesucristo se entregó para morir por ustedes,
y, por Él, Dios les perdona los pecados.
A los que creen en Su nombre
les dio potestad de ser hechos hijos a hijas de Dios;
y les otorga el Espíritu Santo.

Invitaciones a la Paz

1

Saludémonos unos a otros con expresiones de reconciliación y de amor.

2

P.: La paz del Señor (de Dios) sea con ustedes para siempre.
C.: **Y también contigo.**

3

Cristo, nuestro Señor, hace un llamado a los que lo aman
para que vivan en paz con su prójimo.
Saludémonos unos a otros, por lo tanto,
con expresiones de reconciliación y de amor.

4

(Cuando se va a servir la Santa Cena, Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)

Cristo, nuestro Señor, invita a Su mesa
a los que lo aman y buscan
vivir en paz con su prójimo.
Saludémonos unos a otros, por lo tanto,
con expresiones de reconciliación y de amor.
Ayúdanos a llevar Tu salvación y Tu gozo al mundo.
Te lo pedimos mediante Cristo, nuestro Señor.
Amén.

Oraciones para después de la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)

1

Dios eterno, te damos gracias por este santo misterio
en el que te has entregado por nosotros.
Concédenos que podamos salir al mundo
con la fuerza de Tu Espíritu,
a entregarnos por los demás,
en el nombre de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

2

Tú te has entregado por nosotros, Señor.
Ahora nosotros nos consagramos al servicio de los demás.
Tu amor nos ha transformado en un pueblo nuevo;
como pueblo de amor, te serviremos con gozo.
Tu gloria ha llenado nuestros corazones;
ayúdanos a glorificarte en todo. Amén.

3

Amantísimo Dios,
Tú nos has hecho partícipes
del pan y del vino,
y nos has hecho uno en Cristo.

4

Dios generoso, te damos gracias
por habernos renovado al invitarnos a Tu mesa
y al concedernos la presencia de Cristo.
Fortalece nuestra fe,
aumenta nuestro amor hacia el prójimo,
y envíanos al mundo con valor y paz,
regocijándonos en el poder del Espíritu Santo.
Amén.

Un Servicio de Bautismo, Confirmación, y Renovación

Se ha preparado este servicio para incluirlo en un culto de adoración de la congregación, como respuesta a la proclamación de la Palabra, cuando se va a tener un Bautismo, una Confirmación, una Renovación del Voto Bautismal, la recepción de miembros de otra denominación o por transferencia o cualquiera combinación de estos actos. Deben omitirse aquellas partes del servicio que no sean adecuadas para la ocasión.

INTRODUCCIÓN AL SERVICIO

P.: Por medio del Sacramento del Bautismo,
los creyentes y sus familias
son iniciados en la santa Iglesia de Cristo.
Habiendo recibido el nuevo nacimiento mediante
el agua y el Espíritu,
llegamos a formar parte de la poderosa obra
redentora de Dios.
Esto es un don de Dios que se nos ofrece gratuitamente.
A través de la Confirmación y otros actos de renovación
del Sacramento del Bautismo,
reconocemos lo que Dios está haciendo por nosotros,
y confirmamos nuestra consagración a la santa Iglesia de
Cristo.

PRESENTACIÓN DE LOS CANDIDATOS

Un miembro de la congregación presenta a los candidatos:

Presento a *nombre*(s) para que, a través
del bautismo, sea(n) admitido(a)(s)
en el cuerpo de Cristo.
Presento a *nombre*(s) para su confirmación.
Presento a *nombre*(s) para la renovación de los votos de su Bautismo.
Presento a *nombre*(s) para ser recibido(s) por transferencia de la Iglesia.

RENUNCIA AL PECADO Y PROFESIÓN DE FE

El/La pastor(a) se dirige a los padres o guías (testigos), y a los candidatos que pueden contestar por sí mismos:

En nombre de toda la iglesia, yo les pregunto:
¿Renuncian a las fuerzas espirituales de la maldad,
los poderes malignos de este mundo,
y a la esclavitud del pecado?
¿Aceptan la libertad y el poder que Dios les da
para resistir el mal, la injusticia y la opresión
en cualquier forma en que se presenten?

Sí, lo hago.

¿Confiesan a Jesucristo como su Salvador,
depositan toda su confianza en Su amor y gracia
y prometen seguirle y servirle como Su Señor,
en unión de la Iglesia la cual Cristo ha abierto
a personas de toda edad, nacionalidad y raza?

Sí, lo hago.

El/La pastor(a) se dirige a los padres o guías (testigos) de los candidatos que no pueden contestar por sí mismos:
¿Enseñarán a estos niños (estas personas)
en la Santa Iglesia de Cristo,
tratando de guiarlos, en lo que sea posible,
mediante el precepto y el ejemplo,
a recibir la gracia que Dios aquí ofrece,
a declarar abiertamente su fe
y a llevar una vida cristiana?

Padres y guías: **Así lo haré.**

El/La pastor(a) se dirige a los candidatos que pueden contestar por sí mismos [y a sus guías (testigos)]:

De acuerdo con la gracia que Dios les ha concedido,
¿están dispuestos a ser *miembros fieles* de la Santa Iglesia de Cristo
y a servir como *representantes* de Cristo en el mundo?
[Y ustedes, como guías (testigos) de *estos candidatos*,
¿los apoyarán y animarán en esta vida y ministerio,
los cuales todos compartimos en Cristo?]

Candidatos y guías (testigos): **Así lo haremos.**

P.: ¿Reafirman ustedes, como Iglesia, o sea como cuerpo de Cristo, su propia renuncia al pecado y su entrega a Cristo?

C.: **Si, lo reafirmamos.**

P.: ¿Se guiarán unos a otros en la fe y en la vida cristianas, incluyendo en su enseñanza a estas personas que ahora tienen delante de ustedes?

C.: **Así lo haremos.**

P.: ¿Se esforzarán en ordenar sus vidas en tal forma, según el ejemplo de Cristo, que estas personas rodeadas del amor eterno,
puedan crecer en el conocimiento y en el amor a Dios,
y que, basadas en la fe,
puedan confirmarse y fortalecerse
en el camino que lleva a la vida eterna,
por medio de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo?

C.: **Así lo haremos.**

P.: Unámonos a *estas personas*
en la profesión de fe cristiana, como está
contenida en el Antiguo y Nuevo Testamentos.
¿Creen en Dios como nuestro padre?

C.: **Creo en Dios (Padre) Todopoderoso,**
Creador del cielo y de la tierra.

P.: ¿Creen en Jesucristo?

C.: **Creo en Jesucristo, Su único Hijo, Señor nuestro;**
que fue concebido del Espíritu Santo,
nació de la virgen María,
padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado;
al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos;
ascendió al cielo
y está sentado a la diestra de Dios (Padre)
todopoderoso,
de donde vendrá a juzgar a los vivos y los muertos.

P.: ¿Creen en el Espíritu Santo?

C.: **Creo en el Espíritu Santo,**
la santa iglesia universal,
la comunión de los santos,
el perdón de los pecados,
la resurrección del cuerpo,
y la vida perdurable (eterna). Amén.

ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS ANTES DEL BAUTISMO

Se puede poner el agua en la fuente en este momento, si no se ha hecho antes.

P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.

C.: **Y también contigo.**

P.: Oremos.
Dios eterno:
Cuando en el principio sólo existía el caos,
Tú consideraste las tinieblas
e hiciste la luz.
En tiempos de Noé
salvaste a los que estaban en el arca a través del agua.
Después del diluvio pusiste el arco iris en las nubes.
Cuando viste a Tu pueblo esclavo en Egipto,
lo guiaste a la libertad a través del mar.
Trajiste a sus hijos cruzando el Jordán
a la tierra que les habías prometido.

Cante al Señor toda la tierra.
Alabe en todo tiempo (alabad de día en día) la misericordia de Dios.

En la plenitud de Tu tiempo enviaste a Jesús,
nacido de una mujer.
Fue bautizado por Juan
y ungido con Tu Espíritu.
El reunió a Sus discípulos
para que compartieran Su bautismo de muerte y resurrección
y los envió a hacer discípulos de todas las naciones.

Proclamen sus obras a todas las naciones,
Su gloria entre todo los pueblos.

Mediante el poder de Tu Espíritu Santo,
bendice este don del agua y bendice a aquéllos que lo reciben.
Lava sus pecados y vístelos de justicia
para que, muriendo y siendo resucitados con Cristo,
puedan ser partícipes de Su victoria final.

Que todas las cosas te alaben, Padre (o Dios) eterno,
mediante Tu Hijo, Jesucristo,
quien contigo y el Espíritu Santo
vive y reina por siempre.
Amén.

BAUTISMO CON IMPOSICIÓN DE MANOS

El/La pastor(a) procede a bautizar a cada candidato, diciendo:

(Nombre), yo te bautizo en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. **Amén.**

Luego coloca las manos sobre la cabeza de cada persona que va a recibir el bautismo, diciendo:

Que el poder del Espíritu Santo actúe en ti,
para que, habiendo nacido del agua y del Espíritu,
puedas ser un fiel testigo de Jesucristo.
Amén.

Cuando todos los candidatos hayan sido bautizados, el/la pastor(a) les dirá:

Por medio del bautismo han sido unidos ustedes
a la nueva creación de Dios por el poder del Espíritu Santo,
y han sido aceptados para compartir en el sacerdocio real de Cristo.
Todos somos uno en Cristo Jesús.
Con gozo y acción de gracias les damos la bienvenida
como *nuevos miembros* del cuerpo de Cristo, o sea la Iglesia.

CONFIRMACIÓN Y OTROS ACTOS DE RENOVACIÓN DEL PACTO BAUTISMAL

Se puede rociar con agua (aspersión)
a todas las personas que van a ser confirmadas,
a las personas que desean renovar sus promesas de Bautismo,
o a la congregación entera cuando se realiza un acto general de renovación del pacto bautismal.

P.: Recuerden su bautismo y den gracias al Señor.

El/La pastor(a) procede a colocar las manos sobre la cabeza de cada persona que va a ser confirmada o está haciendo un acto especial de renovación, diciendo:

(Nombre), que el poder del Espíritu Santo actúe en ti, para que, habiendo nacido del agua y del Espíritu, puedas continuar siendo un fiel testigo de Jesucristo. **Amén.**

PROFESIÓN O RENOVACIÓN DE LOS VOTOS DE MIEMBRO DE LA IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA

Si hay personas en proceso de hacerse miembros de la Iglesia Metodista Unida, pero que aún no han sido presentadas a la congregación, se les puede presentar en este momento.

El/La pastor(a) se dirige a los que van a ser recibidos como miembros de la Iglesia Metodista Unida o a los que acaban de ser confirmados o a los que han renovado sus votos de fe dentro de la Iglesia Metodista Unida:

Como *miembros* de la Iglesia universal de Cristo, ¿serán ustedes fieles a la Iglesia Metodista Unida, participando en sus diversos ministerios con sus oraciones, con su presencia, con sus ofrendas y con sus servicios?

Así lo haré.

Si hay alguna persona que desea unirse a esta congregación procedente de otra congregación metodista unida y que aún no ha sido presentada, se puede presentar en este momento.

El/La pastor(a) se dirige a los que han de ser recibidos como miembros de esta congregación o que acaban de ser confirmados o que han renovado sus votos de fe dentro de esta congregación:

Como *miembros* de esta congregación,
¿participarán ustedes fielmente en sus diversos ministerios con sus oraciones, con su presencia, con sus ofrendas y con su servicio?

Así lo haré.

ENCOMIENDA Y BIENVENIDA

P.: Hermanos y hermanas de la familia de la fe, encomiendo a esta(s) persona(s) a su amor y cuidado.
Hagan cuanto esté de su parte
para aumentar su fe, confirmar su esperanza
y perfeccionarlos en el amor de Dios.

C.: **Damos gracias por todo lo que Dios les ha concedido,
y les damos la bienvenida con amor cristiano.
Como miembros juntamente con ustedes del cuerpo de Cristo
y de esta congregación de la Iglesia Metodista Unida,
renovamos nuestros votos de sostenerla con nuestras
oraciones, con nuestra presencia,
con nuestras ofrendas y con nuestro servicio,
para que Dios sea glorificado en todo
mediante Jesucristo.**

P.: Que el Dios de toda gracia,
quien les ha llamado a la gloria eterna en Cristo,
les reconozca y fortalezca en la fe.

Uno o más laicos pueden unirse al (a la) pastor(a) para dar la bienvenida a los miembros nuevos.
En las peticiones y oraciones que siguen, se puede incluir expresiones de acción de gracias y de intercesión por los miembros nuevos.
Es muy apropriado concluir el culto con la Santa Cena, con la que se consuma la incorporación de los miembros nuevos al cuerpo de Cristo. Si la Santa Cena se va a celebrar, los miembros nuevos pueden ser los primeros en recibirla.

Un Servicio de Matrimonio Cristiano

Apertura y Alabanza

LLEGADA DE LOS ASISTENTES

Mientras la gente ocupa sus lugares, puede haber música instrumental o vocal.

Durante la entrada de los novios y sus acompañantes, puede haber música instrumental o se puede cantar un himno, un salmo o un cántico.

SALUDO

El/La pastor(a) a la congregación:

Hermanas y hermanos, estamos reunidos como iglesia
para celebrar y alabar a Dios
por la unión de (nombre) y (nombre) en santo matrimonio.
El matrimonio es una unión y relación instituída por Dios,
quien nos creó hombre y mujer y el uno para el otro.
Con Su presencia y poder,
Jesús honró un matrimonio en Caná de Galilea.
El Apóstol Pablo declaró que, donde Cristo está presente,
hay ciertamente igualdad y unidad.
(Nombre) y (nombre) están hoy aquí para unirse en matrimonio.

Declaración de Intención

El/La pastor(a) a los novios:

Cristo los llama a la unión con Él así como a la unión del uno con el otro. Les pido que, en presencia de Dios y de esta congregación, declaren su propósito.

A la novia:

(Nombre), ¿aceptas a (nombre) como tu esposo,
para vivir con él en santo matrimonio?
¿Lo amarás, lo consolarás, lo honrarás,
lo cuidarás en tiempo de enfermedad y de salud
y le serás fiel mientras los dos vivan?

La novia:

Sí, lo haré.

Al novio:

(Nombre) ¿aceptas a (nombre) como tu esposa,
para vivir con ella en santo matrimonio?
¿La amarás, la consolarás, la honrarás,
la cuidarás en tiempo de enfermedad y de salud,
y le serás fiel mientras los dos vivan?

El novio:

Sí, lo haré.

LA RESPUESTA DE LOS FAMILIARES Y DE LA CONGREGACIÓN

P.: El matrimonio de (nombre) y (nombre)
une dos familias y crea una nueva.
Ellos piden la bendición de ustedes.

Los padres u otros miembros de las familias, si están presentes, responden:

Nos regocijamos por esta unión, y rogamos que Dios los bendiga.

C.: **En el nombre de Jesucristo espresamos a ustedes nuestro amor.**
Y por Su gracia, afirmamos con ustedes la importancia de los lazos del matrimonio y del hogar cristiano.

P.: ¿Harán, por la gracia de Dios, todo lo posible por apoyar y cuidar a estas dos personas en su matrimonio?

C.: **Así lo haremos.**

ORACIÓN INICIAL

P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: Oremos.
Dios de todos los pueblos:
Nos regocijamos con Tu presencia en medio de nuestras vidas.
Tú eres la luz verdadera que ilumina a todos.
Tú nos muestras el camino, la verdad y la vida.
Tú nos amas, incluso cuando te somos infieles.

Tú nos sostienes con Tu Espíritu Santo.
Agradecemos Tu presencia entre nosotros
y especialmente en este acto de votos solemnes.
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Proclamación y Respuesta

Se puede leer uno o más pasajes bíblicos.
Antes o después de la lectura bíblica, se puede cantar un himno, un salmo, un cántico o tener alguna música especial.
A continuación viene un sermón o una plática referente al matrimonio cristiano.
El/La pastor(a) puede improvisar una oración de intercesión o invitar a todos a orar de la siguiente manera:

Oremos.
Dios eterno,
creador y preservador de toda vida,
autor de la salvación, dador de toda gracia:
Bendice y santifica con Tu Santo Espíritu
a este hombre y a esta mujer que se unen hoy en matrimonio,
para que pronuncien sus votos de mutua fidelidad
y para que confiados en Tu amor eterno crezcan en amor y paz
contigo así como el uno con el otro durante toda su vida,
ocupándose también en ayudar a los demás y en servir al mundo;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

La Ceremonia De Matrimonio

LOS VOTOS

El novio y la novia se paran frente a frente con las manos entrelazadas.

El novio a la novia:

En el nombre de Dios, yo, (nombre), te recibo, (nombre),
como mi legítima esposa,
para tenerte y conservarte desde hoy en adelante,
sea que mejore o empeore tu situación,
en tiempo de enfermedad y de salud, para amarte y confortarte,
hasta que la muerte nos separe. Éste es mi voto solemne.

La novia al novio:
En el nombre de Dios, yo, (nombre), te recibo, (nombre),
como mi legítimo esposo,
para tenerte y conservarte desde hoy en adelante,
sea que mejore o empeore tu situación,
en tiempo de enfermedad y de salud, para amarte y confortarte,
hasta que la muerte nos separe. Éste es mi voto solemne.

BENDICIÓN E INTERCAMBIO DE ANILLOS

El/La pastor(a) bendice la entrega de anillos u otros símbolos matrimoniales.

Bendice, oh Señor, la entrega de estos anillos (símbolos)
para que aquéllos que los llevan puestos
vivan en Tu paz y continúen en Tu favor el resto de sus días,
mediante Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

En el momento en que cada uno pone el anillo en el dedo del otro, dice:
(Nombre), en prueba y testimonio de nuestra fe y amor constantes,
te desposo con este anillo,
en el nombre del Padre,
del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

DECLARACIÓN OFICIAL DE MATRIMONIO

La esposa y el esposo unen las manos. El/La pastor(a) coloca su mano o estola sobre las manos de ellos.
El/La pastor(a) a los novios:
Ustedes han declarado su consentimiento y se han hecho mutuamente sus votos delante de Dios y de esta congregación. Que Dios confirme estos votos y los llene de gracia.
P.: Ahora que (nombre) y (nombre)
se han unido en matrimonio y lo han declarado por medio de votos solemnes, uniendo las manos,
y entregando y recibiendo un anillo (o anillos),
yo los declaro esposo y esposa
en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo
y del Espíritu Santo.
A los que Dios ha unido, nadie los separe.
C.: **Amén.**

Se puede cantar una doxología o algún otro himno.
Si se va a celebrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía), ver la página 1120.

Acción de Gracias (Si No se Celebra la Santa Cena, Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)

El esposo y la esposa se arrodillan.

P.: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
C.: **Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.**

El/La pastor(a) puede usar esta oración u otra.

Es verdaderamente digno y justo
darte gracias en todo tiempo y en todo lugar,
Padre todopoderoso, creador del cielo y de la tierra.
Tú nos creaste a Tu imagen y semejanza,
nos creaste hombre y mujer.
Nos concediste el don del matrimonio
para que pudiéramos complementarnos el uno al otro.
Mediante Tu Hijo Jesucristo,
Tú hiciste con nosotros un nuevo pacto,
y nos diste con Tu sacrificio de amor
el ejemplo para el pacto de amor entre el esposo y la esposa.

Y ahora, mediante la acción de Tu Espíritu Santo,
bendice a (nombre) y (nombre),
para que el amor que sienten el uno hacia el otro
pueda reflejar el amor de Cristo hacia nosotros
y desarrollarse en Tu Espíritu
para servirte fielmente en el mundo.
Finalmente, mediante Tu gracia, tráelos a aquella mesa,
donde Tus santos festejan para siempre en Tu casa celestial.

Mediante Tu Hijo Jesucristo,
con el Espíritu Santo en Tu Iglesia
todo honra y toda gloria sean Tuyas, Padre (o Dios)
todopoderoso, ahora y siempre. **Amén.**

Y ahora, con la confianza de ser hijos e hijas de Dios, oremos:

Todos se unirán en el Padre Nuestro.
El servicio finalizará con la despedida.

La Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía)

TOMANDO EL PAN Y LA COPA

P.: Ofrezcámonos a nosotros mismos y nuestros dones a Dios.

Aquí el esposo y la esposa o representantes de la congregación pueden traer el pan y el vino a la mesa del Señor. El/La pastor(a) los prepara para la cena.

ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: Eleven sus corazones.
C.: **Los elevamos hacia el Señor.**
P.: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
C.: **Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.**
P.: Es verdaderamente digno y justo
darte gracias en todo tiempo y en todo lugar,
Padre todopoderoso, creador del cielo y de la tierra.
Tú nos creaste a Tu imagen y semejanza,
nos creaste hombre y mujer.
Nos concediste el don del matrimonio
para que pudiéramos complementarnos el uno al otro.
Y así con Tu pueblo y toda la compañía del cielo,
alabamos Tu nombre y nos unimos en su himno eterno.

Todos: **Santo, santo, santo es el Señor, Dios todopoderoso,**
llenos están los cielos y la tierra de Tu gloria.
Hosanna en las alturas.
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor.
Hosanna en las alturas.

Santo eres tú, y bendito Tu Hijo Jesucristo,
que, mediante el bautismo de Su sufrimiento,
muerte y resurrección,
diste nacimiento a Tu Iglesia,
nos liberaste de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte,
e hiciste con nosotros un nuevo pacto por medio del agua y del Espíritu.
Con Su amor y sacrificio, Él nos dio el ejemplo
del voto de amor entre el esposo y la esposa.

"El Señor Jesús, la noche que fue entregado, tomó pan;
y habiendo dado gracias, lo partió, y dijo:
Tomad, comed; esto es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es partido;
haced esto en memoria de mí.
Asimismo tomó también la copa,
después de haber cenado, diciendo:
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre;
haced esto todas las veces que la bebiereis, en memoria de mí" (I Corintios 11:23-25).
Y así, recordando los méritos de Tu Hijo Jesucristo,
te rogamos aceptes este nuestro sacrificio
de alabanza y acción de gracias
como sacrificio vivo y santo
en respuesta al sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros,
para que nuestras vidas proclamen el misterio de la fe.

Cristo ha muerto, Cristo ha resucitado, Cristo vendrá otra vez.

Derrama Tu Santo Espíritu sobre los que estamos aquí reunidos,
y sobre estos dones de pan y vino.
Haz que sean para nosotros el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo.
Por el mismo Espíritu, bendice a (nombre) y a (nombre),
para que el amor que sienten el uno por el otro
sea reflejo del amor de Cristo hacia nosotros.
Haz de ellos una carne y de todos nosotros un solo cuerpo en Cristo,
que le sirve fielmente en el mundo,
hasta que Cristo venga en la victoria final
y podamos todos participar del banquete celestial.

Mediante Tu Hijo Jesucristo,
con el Espíritu Santo en Tu santa Iglesia,
a Ti sean todo honor y toda gloria, Padre omnipotente,
ahora y siempre. **Amén.**

Y ahora, con la certeza de ser hijos e hijas de Dios, oremos:

Todos se unen en el Padre Nuestro.

PARTIENDO EL PAN

El/La pastor(a) parte el pan y luego levanta la copa, en silencio o con palabras adecuadas.

DANDO EL PAN Y EL VINO

El/La pastor(a) sirve los elementos a la congregación diciendo estas palabras u otras adecuadas para la ocasión:

El cuerpo de Cristo, que fue entregado por ti.
La sangre de Cristo, que fue derramada por ti.

Despedida

Aquí se puede cantar un himno o leer el Salmo 128.

DESPEDIDA CON BENDICIÓN

Que el Dios eterno los conserve en amor el uno con el otro,
de manera que la paz de Cristo habite en su hogar.
Sirvan a Dios y al prójimo en todo lo que hagan.
Den testimonio en el mundo del amor de Dios
para que aquéllos que desconocen este amor
encuentren en ustedes una amistad generosa.
La gracia del Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios
y la comunión del Espíritu Santo sea con todos ustedes.
Amén.

LA PAZ

P.: La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
C: **Y también contigo.**

La pareja y el (la) pastor(a) pueden saludarse entre sí y después pueden intercambiar saludos con la congregación.

DESPEDIDA

Se puede cantar un himno o tocar algún instrumento musical, mientras la congregación sale.

Un Servicio de Muerte y Resurrección

Apertura

LLEGADA DE LA CONGREGACIÓN

El/La pastor(a) puede saludar a la familia.
Mientras la congregación se reúne, puede tocarse música apropiada.

Se sugiere que se canten himnos y cantos de fe durante el culto. Si el ataúd no está en su sitio todavía, éste es el momento de trasladarlo
en procesión al lugar de adoración. El (la) pastor(a) va delante, diciendo la Palabra de Gracia, mientras la congregación permanece de pie.

LA PALABRA DE GRACIA

Jesú dijo: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida;
el que cree en mí, aunque esté muerto, vivirá.
Y todo aquel que vive y cree en mí, no morirá eternamente."
"Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, el principio y el fin, el primero y el último."
y el que vivo, y estuve muerto . . .
Y tengo las llaves de la muerte y del Hades."
"Porque yo vivo, vosotros también viviréis."

SALUDO

Hermanos y hermanas, estamos reunidos aquí para alabar a Dios y para dar testimonio de nuestra fe al agradecer a Dios por la vida de (nombre). Al reunirnos, reconocemos nuestro dolor por esta pérdida humana. Que Dios venga a inspirarnos para que encontremos consuelo en el dolor, esperanza en la aflicción y resurrección de la muerte.

Se pueden agregar aquí las frases siguientes, si no se han usado antes en el mismo servicio.

Al morir, Cristo destruyó nuestra muerte.
Al resucitar, Cristo restituyó nuestra vida.
Cristo vendrá otra vez, glorificado.
Así como (nombre) se vistió de Cristo en su bautismo,
así sea (nombre) vestido de gloria en Cristo.
Aquí y ahora, queridos hermanos y hermanas, somos hijos e hijas de Dios.
Lo que seremos después aún no nos ha sido revelado.
Pero sabemos que, cuando Él venga, seremos como El,
porque podremos verlo como Él es.
Todo el que espera en Él será purificado,
tal como Cristo es.

HIMNO O CANTO

ORACIÓN

Se pueden ofrecer una o más de las siguientes oraciones, al unísono si se desea. Es adecuado en este momento presentar peticiones a Dios, como también la acción de gracias por la comunión de los santos, la confesión de los pecados y la seguridad del perdón.

P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: Oremos.

Oh Dios, que nos diste la vida,
Tú está siempre más dispuesto
a escuchar nuestras oraciones que nosotros a orar.
Tú conoces nuestras necesidades aun antes de que las presentemos a Ti, así como conoces nuestra ignorancia al presentar a Ti nuestras peticiones.
Concédenos ahora Tu gracia,
para que cuando nos sintamos pequeños ante el misterio de la muerte, veamos la luz de la eternidad.
Comunícanos una vez más Tu mensaje solemne de vida y de muerte.
Ayúdanos a vivir preparados para morir.
Y, cuando Tú nos llames,
haz que podamos morir como aquéllos que saben que van a vivir,
para que, ya sea que vivamos o que muramos, nuestra vida esté en Ti, y nada en la vida ni en la muerte nos podrá separar
del gran amor que nos has revelado en Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor. Amén.

y/o

Dios eterno, te alabamos por la inmensa muchedumbre de todos los que terminaron su camino en fe
y ahora descansan de su tarea.
Te alabamos por todos los que fueron queridos para nosotros
y cuyos nombres traemos a Ti en oración.
Concede paz a sus almas.
Que Tu luz eterna los ilumine.
Te alabamos por Tu siervo(a) (nombre),
a quien has llamado a Tu presencia.

Ayúdanos a creer aunque no hayamos visto
y que Tu presencia nos guíe a través de los años,
y nos reúna finalmente con ellos en el gozo de Tu hogar,
"una casa no hecha de manos, eterna, en los cielos",
mediante Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

y/o

Dios santo, ante Ti todos los corazones están manifiestos
y todos los secretos conocidos.
Traemos ante Ti nuestra vergüenza y nuestro dolor por haber pecado.
Hemos olvidado que nuestra vida viene de Ti y va a Ti.
No hemos seguido ni cumplido Tu voluntad.
No hemos sido sinceros de corazón,
ni de palabras, ni en nuestras vidas.
No hemos amado de la manera que debemos amar.
Ayúdanos y sánanos, te rogamos.
Elévanos por encima de nuestros pecados hacia una vida mejor
para que terminemos nuestros días en paz,
confiando en Tu bondad hasta el fin;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,
un solo Dios verdadero, ahora y siempre. Amén.

PERDÓN

¿Quién puede condenar?
Sólo Cristo, Cristo que murió por nosotros, que resucitó por nosotros, que reina a la derecha de Dios y pide por nosotros.
"Gracias sean dadas a Dios, que nos da la victoria por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo."

SALMO 130

De lo profundo, oh Jehová, a ti clamo.
Señor, oye mi voz;
Estén atentos tus oídos
A la voz de mi súplica.
Jehová, si mirares a los pecados,
¿Quién, oh Señor, podrá mantenerse?
Pero en Ti hay perdón,
Para que seas reverenciado.

Esperé yo a Jehová, esperó mi alma;
En su palabra he esperado.
Mi alma espera a Jehová
Más que los centinelas a la mañana,
Más que los vigilantes a la mañana.
Espere Israel a Jehová,
Porque en Jehová hay misericordia
Y abundante redención con él,
Y él redimirá a Israel de todos sus pecados.

Proclamación y Respuesta

LECTURAS DEL ANTIGUO TESTAMENTO

(El uso y el orden de estos pasajes son optativos.)

Preferidos:
Isaías 40:1-6, 8-11, 28-31

Recomendados:

Éxodo 14:5-14, 19-31
Isaías 43:1-3a, 5-7, 13, 15, 18-19, 25; 44:6, 8a
Isaías 55:1-3, 6-13

SALMO 23

Cantado o dicho por la congregación, de pie.
Jehová es mi pastor; nada me faltará.
En lugares de delicados pastos me hará descansar;
Junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreará.
Confortará mi alma;
Me guiará por sendas de justicia por
amor de su nombre.
Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte,
No temeré mal alguno, porque tú estarás conmigo;
Tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán aliento.
Aderezas mesa delante de mí en presencia
de mis angustiadores;
Unges mi cabeza con aceite; mi copa está rebosando.
Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me seguirán
Todos los días de mi vida;
Y en la casa de Jehová moraré por largos días.

LECTURAS DEL NUEVO TESTAMENTO

(El uso y el orden de estos pasajes son optativos.)

Preferidos:
I Corintios 15:1-8, 12-20, 35-44, 53-55, 57-58
Apocalipsis 21:1-7, 22-27; 22:1-5
Recomendados:
Romanos 8:1-2, 5-6, 10-11, 14-19, 22-28, 31-32, 35-39
II Corintios 4:5-18
Efesios 1:15-23; 2:1, 4-10
I Pedro 1:3-9, 13, 21-25
Apocalipsis 7:2-3, 9-17

SALMO O HIMNO

Recomendados (Ya sea en este momento o antes de la lectura de los pasajes del Antiguo Testamento):
Salmos 42, 43, 46, 90, 91, 103, 116, 121, 139, 145, 146

LECTURA DE PASAJES DE LOS EVANGELIOS

(El uso y el orden de estos pasajes son optativos.)

Preferidos:
Juan 14:1-10a, 15-21, 25-27
Recomendados:
Lucas 24:13-35
Juan 11:1-5, 20-27, 32-35, 38-44

SERMÓN

Se sugiere que el sermón sea breve, proclamando el evangelio en presencia de la muerte. Puede incluir o introducir los siguientes actos de reconocimiento y testimonio.

RECONOCIMIENTO

El/La pastor(a) u otra persona puede presentar una breve semblanza de la vida y de la muerte de la persona fallecida.

TESTIMONIO

Algunos familiares, amigos o miembros de la congregación pueden expresar brevemente su agradecimiento a Dios por las bendiciones recibidas en la vida del difunto, así como por su fe y gozo cristianos. Expresiones de fe, esperanza y amor son oportunas en este momento.

HIMNO O CÁNTICO

CREDO

La congregación, de pie, se une en el Credo de los Apóstoles.

Creo en Dios, Padre Todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra;
y en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, Señor nuestro;
que fue concebido del Espíritu Santo,
nació de la virgen María,
padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado;
al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos;
ascendió al cielo
y está sentado a la diestra de Dios Padre Todopoderoso,
de donde vendrá a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.
Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la Santa Iglesia universal,
la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados,
la resurrección del cuerpo, y la vida perdurable (eterna).
Amén.

Si antes del Credo no ha habido un himno u otra expresión musical, puede haberlo después.

Acto de Entrega

Si se va a terminar este servicio con el oficio de sepultura, se puede abreviar reemplazándolo por el Acto de Entrega.

ORACIONES

Se puede ofrecer una o más de las siguientes oraciones, u otras que se desee. Éstas pueden ofrecerse en forma de oración pastoral, de una serie de oraciones breves o de una letanía. Es adecuado hacer aquí un acto de intercesión, de encomio o de acción de gracias. Se sugiere concluir con el Padre Nuestro.

Dios nuestro, Tu amor es inagotable.
Cuando todo se derrumba alrededor de nosotros,
Tu amor permanece constante.
Te pedimos el uno por el otro en nuestra necesidad,
así como por todos aquéllos que están afligidos
en el día de hoy,
dondequiera que se encuentren.

A los que dudan, dales fe;
a los que están débiles, fuerza;
a los que han pecado, misericordia
y a los que se lamentan, Tu paz.
Manténos unidos en Tu amor.
Tenemos absoluta confianza en Ti,
y a Ti, con Tu Iglesia en la tierra y en los cielos,
damos la honra y la gloria, ahora y siempre.
Amén.

Oh Dios, todo lo que nos has dado es Tuyo.
Así como nos diste a (nombre),
ahora te devolvemos a (nombre).

Aquí el/la pastor(a), con otras personas, de pie cerca del féretro, puede poner las manos sobre éste, continuando de la siguiente manera:

Acoge a (nombre) en Tus brazos misericordiosos.
Elévalo(a) con todo Tu pueblo.
Acógenos también a nosotros, a nuestras almas y a
nuestro cuerpo,
y elévanos a una nueva vida.
Ayúdanos a amarte y a servirte en tal forma en este mundo,
que podamos entrar en el gozo de Tu presencia en el
mundo venidero.
Amén.

En Tus manos, oh Salvador misericordioso,
encomendamos Tu siervo(a) (nombre).
Te rogamos humildemente que lo(a) acojas
como oveja de Tu redil,
como cordero de Tu rebaño,
como pecador que Tú has redimido.
Recibe a (nombre) en Tus brazos misericordiosos,
y dale el bendito descanso de Tu paz eterna,
en la compañía gloriosa de los santos en luz.
Amén.

El/La pastor(a) puede administrar la Santa Cena (Santa Comunión, Cena del Señor o Eucaristía) todos los que deseen compartir de la Cena del Señor, usando el orden de la página 1131.
De otra manera, el servicio continúa con la siguiente acción de gracias:

Dios de amor, te damos gracias por toda la felicidad
con que nos has bendecido en este día;
por los dones de vida, salud y fortaleza;
por el hogar y los amigos;
por nuestro bautismo y el lugar que ocupamos en Tu Iglesia
con todos los que han vivido y han muerto en la fe.
Sobre todo, te damos gracias por Jesús
que conoce nuestros sufrimientos,
que murió y resucitó por nosotros,
y que vive e intercede por nosotros.
Como Él nos enseñó, ahora nosotros oramos.

Todos se unen en el Padre Nuestro.

HIMNO

Despedida y Bendición

El/La pastor(a), de frente a la congregación, puede usar una de las siguientes palabras de despedida y bendición:

"Y el Dios de paz
que resucitó de los muertos a nuestro Señor Jesús,
el gran pastor de las ovejas,
por la sangre del pacto eterno,
os haga aptos en toda obra buena para que hagáis su voluntad,
haciendo él en vosotros lo que es agradable delante de él por Jesucristo;
al cual sea la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**"

"La paz de Dios, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento,
guardará vuestros corazones y vuestros pensamientos
en Cristo Jesús."
Y la bendición de Dios todopoderoso,
el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo
sea con ustedes y permanezca en ustedes para siempre.
Amén.

"Que el Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
de quien toma nombre toda familia en los cielos y en la tierra, . . .
os dé, conforme a las riquezas de su gloria,
el ser fortalecidos con poder en el hombre interior por su Espíritu;

para que habite Cristo por la fe en vuestros corazones,
a fin de que, arraigados y cimentados en amor,
seáis plenamente capaces de comprender con todos los santos
cuál sea la anchura, la longitud, la profundidad y la altura,
y de conocer el amor de Cristo, que excede a todo conocimiento,
para que seáis llenos de toda la plenitud de Dios. **Amén.**"

"Y a Aquel que es poderoso para hacer todas las cosas mucho más
abundantemente de lo que pedimos o entendemos,
según el poder que actúa en nosotros,
a él sea gloria en la Iglesia en Cristo Jesús
por todas las edades, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**"

Un Orden para la Administración de la Santa Comunión, Santa Cena Cena del Señor o Eucaristía

Este orden puede incluirse en el servicio que sigue a las oraciones de la página 1129, o antes de una comida después del culto, o con la familia después del culto. Si se incluye este orden, reemplazará la acción de gracias de la página 1135 y todo lo que sigue.

Se lleva el pan y el vino a la mesa o, si éstos ya han sido colocados, se los destapa en este momento. El/La pastor(a) eleva la siguiente Acción de Gracias:

P.: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C.: **Y también contigo.**
P.: Eleven sus corazones.
C.: **Los elevamos al Señor.**
P.: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
C.: **Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.**
P.: Es verdaderamente digno y justo darte gracias
en todo tiempo y en todo lugar,
Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra,
mediante Jesucristo, nuestro Señor,
que se levantó victorioso sobre la muerte
y nos consuela con la bendita esperanza de vida eterna.
Para los que tienen fe en Ti,
la vida no termina sino que se transforma;
y cuando nuestro cuerpo mortal descanse en la muerte,
tendremos preparada una morada eterna en los cielos.

Y así, con Tu pueblo aquí en la tierra y toda la compañía del cielo, alabamos Tu Nombre y nos unimos en el himno eterno:
Santo, santo, santo eres Señor, Dios Todopoderoso,
llenos están los cielos y la tierra de Tu gloria.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!
Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!

Santo eres Tú y bendito es Tu Hijo Jesucristo.
Por el bautismo de Su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección,
diste nacimiento a Tu Iglesia,
nos liberaste de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte,
e hiciste con nosotros un nuevo pacto mediante
el agua y El Espíritu.
Cuando Jesucristo ascendió para ser nuestro Señor,
Él prometió que estaría siempre con nosotros,
en el poder de Tu Palabra y del Espíritu Santo.

"El Señor Jesús, la noche que fue entregado,
tomó pan; y habiendo dado gracias, lo partió, y dijo:
'Tomad, comed, esto es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es
partido;
haced esto en memoria de mí'.

Asimismo tomó también la copa,
después de haber cenado, diciendo:
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre;
haced esto todas las veces que la bebiereis,
en memoria de mí" (I Corintios 11:23-25).

Oh Dios, recordando Tu gran misericordia que has
mostrado en Jesucristo,
te rogamos aceptes
este nuestro sacrificio de alabanza y acción de gracias
como un sacrificio vivo y santo,
en respuesta al sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros,
para que nuestras vidas proclamen el misterio de la fe.

Cristo ha muerto, Cristo ha resucitado, Cristo vendrá otra vez.

Derrama Tu Santo Espíritu sobre los que estamos aquí reunidos,
y sobre estos dones de pan y vino.
Haz que sean para nosotros el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo,
para que seamos el cuerpo de Cristo para el mundo,
redimidos por Su sangre.

Mediante el poder de Tu Espíritu,
haznos uno con Cristo, uno con los demás
y uno en la obra del ministerio a todo el mundo,
hasta que Cristo venga en la victoria final
y podamos todos participar en el banquete celestial.

Mediante Tu Hijo Jesucristo,
con el Espíritu Santo en Tu Santa Iglesia,
a Ti sean todo honor y toda gloria, Padre Omnipotente,
ahora y siempre. **Amén.**
Y ahora, con la certeza de ser hijos e hijas de Dios, oremos:

Todos se unen en el Padre Nuestro.
El pastor parte el pan y levanta la copa
en silencio o con palabras adecuadas.
Se sirve el pan y la copa a la congregación,
diciendo estas palabras u otras adecuadas:

El cuerpo de Cristo que fue entregado por ti.
La sangre de Cristo que fue derramada por ti.

Mientras la congregación recibe el Sacramento,
se pueden cantar algunos himnos.
Se termina con la despedida. Se puede usar la bendición
de la página 00.

Un Orden para el Oficio de Sepultura

Este orden está planeado principalmente para el entierro, pero se puede adaptar también para la cremación o entierro de las cenizas, para sepultar en el mar o cuando el cuerpo se dona con propósitos médicos. El/La pastor(a) debe presidir el acto.
En lugar de la oración que sigue, se puede usar oraciones y lecturas apropiadas para el servicio por un niño o por un joven, o para otras ocasiones especiales.
Cuando la gente se ha reunido, se puede usar una o más de las siguientes lecturas:

Aun en la plenitud de la vida, estamos cerca de la muerte.
¿A quién pediremos ayuda?
Nuestro socorro viene de Jehová,
que hizo-los cielos y la tierra.
Aquél que levantó a Jesucristo de entre los muertos
dará también a nuestros cuerpos mortales
mediante Su Espíritu, el cual mora en nosotros.

"He aquí, os digo un misterio:
No todos dormiremos, pero todos seremos transformados".
"Es necesario que esto corruptible se vista de incorrupción,
y esto mortal se vista de inmortalidad . . .
entonces se cumplirá la palabra que está escrita:
Sorbida es la muerte en victoria.
¿Dónde está, oh muerte, tu aguijón?
¿Dónde, oh sepulcro, tu victoria?"
"Gracias sean dadas a Dios que nos da la victoria por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo."

"Se alegró por tanto mi corazón, y se gozó mi alma;
Mi carne también reposará confiadamente . . .
Me mostrarás la senda de la vida.
En tu presencia hay plenitud de gozo,
Delicias a tu diestra para siempre."

Se puede ofrecer a continuación la oración siguiente:
Oremos.
Oh Dios, Tú has dado forma a este mundo
y conoces todas las cosas, tanto en la tierra
como en el cielo.
Concédenos tal fe que de día y de noche,
en todo momento y en todo lugar,
podamos entregarnos, sin miedo,
junto con nuestros seres amados,
a Tu amor eterno,
en esta vida así como en la venidera. **Amén.**

Se puede leer a continuación alguno de los siguientes pasajes de las Sagradas Escrituras:

"Bendito el Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que según su grande misericordia nos hizo renacer para una esperanza viva, por la resurrección de Jesucristo de los muertos para una herencia incorruptible, incontaminada e inmarcesible, reservada en los cielos para vosotros, que sois guardados por el poder de Dios mediante la fe, para alcanzar la salvación que está preparada para ser manifestada en el tiempo postrero. En lo cual vosotros os alegráis, aunque ahora por un poco de tiempo, si es necesario, tengáis que ser afligidos en diversas pruebas, para que sometida a prueba vuestra fe, mucho más preciosa que el oro, el cual aunque perecedero se prueba con fuego, sea hallada en alabanza, gloria y honra cuando sea manifestado Jesucristo, a quien amáis sin haberle visto, en quien creyendo, aunque ahora no la veáis, os

alegráis con gozo inefable y glorioso; obteniendo el fin de vuestra fe, que es la salvación de vuestras almas."

Jesús dijo: "De cierto, de cierto os digo, que si el grano de trigo no cae en la tierra y muere, queda solo; pero si muere, lleva mucho fruto. El que ama su vida, la perderá; y el que aborrece su vida en este mundo, para vida eterna la guardará. Si alguno me sirve, sígame; y donde yo estuviere, allí también estará mi servidor. Si alguno me sirviere, mi Padre le honrara."

El/La pastor(a), de pie, a la cabecera del ataúd y de frente a éste, dice las siguientes palabras, mientras se arroja tierra sobre el ataúd en el momento en que éste desciende a la sepultura:

Dios todopoderoso, en Tus manos encomendamos a Tu siervo(a) (nombre), con la esperanza cierta de la resurrección a la vida eterna. Por medio de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Encomendamos este cuerpo a la tierra
(o a los elementos, o a su lugar de reposo);
la tierra vuelve a la tierra, la ceniza a la ceniza,
el polvo al polvo.
"Bienaventurados de aquí en adelante los muertos que
mueren en el Señor.
Sí, dice el Espíritu, descansarán de sus trabajos,
porque sus obras con ellos siguen."

Se puede ofrecer una o más de las oraciones siguientes:
Oremos.
Dios misericordioso,
te damos gracias por los que amamos, pero a quienes no
podremos ver más.
Recibe en Tus brazos a Tu siervo(a) (nombre),
y concédele que, creciendo en conocimiento y amor a Ti,
(nombre) pueda crecer también en servicio
en Tu reino celestial;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Dios todopoderoso, te rogamos que
mires con piedad la aflicción de Tus siervos.
En medio de esta situación que no comprenden,
ayúdalos a confiar en Tu cuidado.

Bendícelos y guárdalos.
Haz resplandecer Tu rostro sobre ellos
y ten de ellos misericordia.
Alza sobre ellos Tu rostro y pon en ellos paz. **Ameń.**

Oh Dios, cuyos días no tienen fin,
haznos profundamente conscientes de la brevedad e incertidumbre
de nuestra vida humana.
Elévanos de nuestros pecados y llévanos al amor y a la bondad,
para que cuando dejemos esta vida podamos descansar en Cristo
y recibir la bendición que Él ha prometido
a todos los que le aman y le sirven:
"Venid, benditos de mi Padre, heredad el reino
preparado para vosotros
desde la fundación del mundo" (Mateo 25:34 R.V.R.).
Concédeles esto, Padre misericordioso,
mediante Jesucristo, nuestro Mediador y Redentor.
Amén.

Oh Señor, sé Tú nuestro apoyo durante el transcurso
de nuestra agitada vida,
hasta que se alarguen las sombras y llegue la noche
y este mundo pase de la precipitación a la quietud
y termine esta vida febril y nuestra misión llegue a su fin.
Danos entonces en Tu misericordia un refugio seguro,
y un descanso santo y por fin la paz;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Dios eterno, has compartido con nosotros la vida de (nombre).
Antes (nombre) era parte de nuestro mundo, ahora está en Tu presencia.
Por todo lo que recibimos de (nombre), que ha ayudado a formar nuestras vidas,
por ese recuerdo de (nombre) que vive y permanece en cada uno de nosotros,
y por la vida de (nombre) que en Tu amor nunca tendrá fin,
Te damos gracias.
Al entregar a (nombre) en Tus brazos,
oramos para que nos des consuelo en esta separación,
fuerza en nuestra debilidad
y valor para enfrentarnos al futuro sin miedo.
Mantén unidos a los que quedamos en esta vida;
haznos fieles al servicio de los demás
y permite que conozcamos la paz y el gozo de la vida eterna;
mediante Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Se continúa con el Padre Nuestro.
Se puede cantar un himno o un cántico.
El/La pastor(a) puede despedir a la congregación con estas palabras u otras:

"Y a aquel que es poderoso para guardaros sin caída,
y presentaros sin mancha delante de su gloria,
con gran alegría,
al único y sabio Dios, nuestro Salvador,
sea gloria y majestad, imperio y potencia,
ahora y por todos los siglos. **Amén**" (Judas 24 R.V.R.).

Fuentes de las Oraciones para los Diversos Cultos

La Aclamación se ha tomado del libro *Sacramentary.*

CULTO DOMINICAL (TEXTO COMPLETO)

Oración Inicial, del *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 355.

Oración de Invocación, de *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972.*

Confesión y Perdón, idem

Oración de Consagración, idem

SALUDOS

1. *We Gather Together*, p. 5.
2. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972*
3. ICET
4. Tradicional

ORACIONES INICIALES

1. *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 355 (alt.)
2. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: A New Text* (COCU), p. 1 (alt.)
3. Freely adapted from *Seasons of the Gospel*, p. 82
4. Susan and James F. White

LETANÍAS DE INTERCESIÓN

1. *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 388 (alt.)
2. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972*

ORACIONES DE CONFESIÓN

1. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972*
2. *Book of Common Prayer,* p.360
3. Freely adapted From *The Book of Common Prayer* and *The Sacramentary*

PALABRAS DE PERDÓN

1. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972*
2. Idem.
3. *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 360
4. *Lutheran Book of Worship,* p. 56

INVITACIONES A LA PAZ

1. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972*
2. *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 360
3. *We Gather Together,* p. 7 (alt.)
4. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Prayer: An Alternate Text 1972*

ORACIONES DESPUÉS DE LA COMUNIÓN

1. Original.
2. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: An Alternate Text 1972*
3. *Sacramentary* (alt.)
4. *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: A New Text* (COCU), p. 5.

Report No. 36

Petition: DS1045
Subject: Pluralism
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 470, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 497.
Nonconcurrence due to Report No. 60.

Report No. 37

Petitions: DS1025
Subject: Amend Doctrinal Statement
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 106; For 101; Against 1; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 483, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
The Committee recommends the following revision of the doctrinal statement.

In this task of reappraising and applying the gospel according to the conciliar principal, we recognize **under the guidance of our doctrinal standards and guidelines (¶¶ 67 and 68)**, the presence of theological pluralism. It is true that some would wish traditional doctrinal statements and standards recovered and enforced; others would demand that they be repealed; some would urge that they be perfected; others would insist that they be superseded. When doctrinal standards are understood as legal or juridical instruments, it is easy to suppose that a doctrinal statement of some sort could be drawn up that would be normative and enforceable for an entire Christian body. Many persons with quite different views on doctrine insist that our inherited statements (*e.g., the Articles, Confession, Sermons, Notes, and General Rules*) ought either to be reaffirmed and enforced or superseded by new propositions. The effort to substitute new creeds for old has a long history of partisanship and schism.

Report No. 38

Petitions: DS1320
Subject: Provide Study Materials for Retirees
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 484, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Committee voted concurrence with the need for study materials for retirees and refer to Curriculum Resources Committee—Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 39

Petitions: DS1113, DS-FA1331
Subject: Hymnal—Enabling Petitions
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 106; For 92; Against 11; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 485, Adopted May 8, 1984, Referred to General Council on Finance and Administration. For final action on

this report, see General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 22, pp. 307, 317, 578-579.

The committee recommends the following enabling petition:

The Board of Discipleship, in cooperation with The United Methodist Publishing House, petitions the General Conference to enact the following:

A quadrennial Hymnal Revision Committee is hereby constituted and authorized to prepare a single volume hymn and worship book for congregational use in The United Methodist Church and to submit the contents of this book to the 1988 General Conference for adoption as the official hymnal of The United Methodist Church.

It is recommended that the committee be sensitive to 1) inclusion of hymns from the EUB tradition; 2) inclusion of hymns representing ethnic minorities; 3) inclusive and nondiscriminatory language; and 4) the needs of small membership churches. The Hymnal Committee shall be instructed to respect the language of traditional hymns contained in the 1964-66 United Methodist hymnal, but may also include alternate texts for the same hymn tunes in instances determined by the committee.

The committee shall consist of the following voting membership:

1) Three Bishops from different Colleges of Bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops.
2) Ten at-large representatives, two from each jurisdiction including three laymen, three laywomen, and four clergy, at least one to be a clergywoman. These to be selected by the Council of Bishops from a pool chosen from each jurisdiction—a pool of one layman, one laywoman, one ethnic, one clergyman, one clergywoman and balanced by the Council of Bishops.
3) Three representatives of the United Methodist Publishing House, including the Editor of the Hymnal.
4) Five representatives of the General Board of Discipleship, not more than two to be staff members.
5) One voting representative of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music, and Other Arts.
6) No more than three additional representatives to provide that the overall committee have at least one ethnic from each of the four ethnic groups, two clergy women, one small church rural church member or clergy, and one young adult.

One of the three bishops shall be the convenor and shall supervise the election of the chairperson and other officers at the first meeting.

The committee may establish subcommittees and add consultants as it sees fit.

The committee shall plan that the hymn book be in the hands of the delegates to the 1988 General Conference no later than February 1, 1988.

The United Methodist Publishing House shall be the publisher in accordance with ¶ 1314.3 of *The Book of Discipline* and shall be responsible for the employment of the hymnal editor. The Board of Discipleship shall "provide editorial supervision of the contents" in accordance with ¶ 1314.3 through its representatives on the Committee and by supplying staff support to the developmental process.

The meeting and other costs of the committee beyond the editorial staff services provided by The United Methodist Publishing House and The Board of Discipleship are to be funded to the extent of $335,428, as itemized in the attached budget.

Estimate of Expenses Related to Development of a New Hymnal

1. Committee Meetings			
Daily Expenses (2 nights, 3 days)			
Hotel	$60.00	= $120.00	
Meals	20.00	= 60.00	
Misc.	15.00	= 15.00	
Air	350.00	= 350.00	
		$545.00	
+15% for inflation		81.75	
		$626.75	
a. 6 semiannual meetings of the total Hymnal Committee (about 25 voting and nonvoting members) @ $15,668.75 ($626.75 a member) per meeting.			$94,012
b. 6 semiannual meetings of the Executive Editorial Subcommittee of the Hymnal Committee, back-to-back with meetings of the whole Committee. 8 voting and nonvoting members @ $1,666.65 per meeting.			10,000
c. Frequent meetings on call as needed of a further subcommittee of the Executive-Editorial Committee, which can be conference calls when feasible.			7,500

d. 6 semiannual meetings of the Subcommittee on Hymn Texts (8 members) @ $5,014 ($626.75 per member) per meeting.	30,084
e. 6 semiannual meetings of the Subcommittee on Hymn Tunes (8 members) @ $5,014 ($626.75 per member) per meeting.	30,084
f. 6 semiannual meetings of the Subcommittee on Psalter (8 members) @ $5,014 ($626.75 per member) per meeting.	30,084
g. 7 extra semiannual meetings of the Section on Worship of the Board of Discipleship to develop and select Ritual, Orders of Worship, service music, and Aids to Worship for inclusion in hymnal.	33,664
Total for Committee Meetings.....	$235,428

2. Additional research projects on initial contents of hymnal and on proximate contents of hymnal, including tunes, texts, psalter, ritual and orders of worship, service music, and worship resources.($30,000 each)	$60,000

3. Preparation of reports to 1988 General Conference, including typesetting, printing, and binding.	40,000

Summary of Expenses

Committee Meetings	$235,428
Additional Research	60,000
Report to General Conference	40,000
Total Expenses	$335,428

Note: In addition to the above expenses:

1. The United Methodist Publishing House would pay the editor's salary and office expenses, copyright permission fees, and other usual costs of publication.
2. The Board of Discipleship would make available staff and office support through the Section on Worship out of its own budget.

Funds for the above expenses can come neither from the Publishing House nor the Board of Discipleship but are requested from General Conference.

Report No. 40

Petitions: DS1050
Subject: Substitute for Doctrinal Statement
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 486, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee concurred with the addition in Part II, ¶ 69, Section 3, subsection: "Doctrinal Guidelines in The United Methodist Church," (p. 78, 1980 Discipline):

"Interpreted with appropriate flexibility *and*, self-discipline, **and prayer** they may instruct us as we carry forward our never-ending tasks of theologizing in The United Methodist Church."

Report No. 41

Petitions: DS1077, DS-CN1158
Subject: Conference Council on Youth Ministries
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 101; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 487, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
Committee concurred in the amendment to ¶ 732.2, to read:

". . . provision shall be made for the inclusion of members of the ethnic or languages conferences and vice-versa. **Those serving on the Conference Council on Youth Ministries shall be members (full or preparatory) of The United Methodist Church.**"

Report No. 42

Petitions: DS1028, DS1029
Subject: Amend Statement on Gospel in New Age
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 488, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Nonconcurrence due to previous action on Report No. 37.

Report No. 43

Petitions: DS1326
Subject: Restore Phrase in Apostles' Creed
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 103; Present 93; For 30; Against 60; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 489, No action taken.

Committee voted nonconcurrence on the petition that would require "He descended into Hell" be inserted in Apostles' Creed in all future materials.

Report No. 44

Petitions: DS1038, 1051, 1037, 1020, 1046, 1031, 1034, 1030, 1416, 1023, 1036, 1039, 1052, 1049, 1026, 1054, 1019, 1044, 1047, 1009, 1010, 1013, 1006, 1005, 1004, 1003, 1002, 1001, 1007, 1008

Subject: Doctrinal Statement

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 109; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 490, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

Committee voted nonconcurrence in light of Report No. 60 but refers all of the above-cited petitions to the proposed study requested in Report No. 60.

Report No. 45

Petitions: DS1095

Subject: Sex Education for Youth

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 109; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 491, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as there are more comprehensive resolutions already.

Report No. 46

Petitions: DS-AD1032, DS-AD1028, DS-AD1033

Subject: Coordinator of Older Adults

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 109; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 492, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

The committee concurred that this petition be referred to the General Board of Discipleship Age Level and Family Ministries Standing Committee for study.

Report No. 47

Petitions: DS1118

Subject: Large Print Hymnal

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 109; Present 100; For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 493, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

Committee concurred to refer to proposed New Hymnal Committee.

Report No. 48

Petitions: DS1365

Subject: Worship Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 109; Present 96; For 95; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 494, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.

Concurrence to amend ¶ 1314 as follows:

3. To make recommendations to the General Conference regarding future editions of the book of worship and the hymnal and, as ordered, to provide editorial supervision of the contents of these publications, which shall be published by The United Methodist Publishing House. The hymnals of The United Methodist Church are the hymnals of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Book of Hymns; the Ritual of the Church is that contained in the Book of Ritual of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, 1959, "The General Services of the Church" in The Book of Worship for Church and Home of The Methodist Church, The Ordinal 1981, **and "The General Services of the Church 1984 (English and Spanish versions)."**

Report No. 49

Petitions: DS1111

Subject: Staffing and Support For Family Life

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 495, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

Committee concurred to refer to the General Board of Discipleship for study.

Report No. 50

Petitions: DS1360, DS1363

Subject: Evangelism Responsibilities

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 496, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

Committee voted nonconcurrence due to concurrence in Report No. 90.

Report No. 51

Petitions: DS1064
Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Discipleship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 101; For 100; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 497, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
Committee concurred to amend ¶ 720 as follows:

¶ 720, amend by adding immediately after the first sentence:

When there is no Conference Board of Discipleship, or equivalent structure, the person or persons serving as member(s) of the General Board of Discipleship shall be member(s) of the Conference Council on Ministries and may be granted voting privileges.

¶ 720.5(a), amend as follows:

To plan and promote *an effective* **a comprehensive** program of stewardship throughout the conference **in such areas as: stewardship education, proportionate giving and tithing, funding the church's ministries, planned giving, money management, time and abilities, economics and management, and life style.**

¶ 720.5, add (h) as follows:

To participate in the work of national and jurisdictional organizations related to stewardship, such as the National Association of Stewardship Leaders and the National Association of United Methodist Foundations.

¶ 720.8(d), amend as follows:

d) The board shall relate to the **certified lay speakers and to the** organized lay groups in the conference such as United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Young Adults, and United Methodist Youth, and shall support their work and help them coordinate the activities of the organized laity of the conference.

Report No. 52

Petitions: DS1324
Subject: Order of St. Luke
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 102; For 100; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 498, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.
Committee voted to refer to the General Board of Discipleship for consideration.

Report No. 53

Petitions: DS1354
Subject: Bishop as Full Time President of General Board of Discipleship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 499, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Nonconcurrence.

Report No. 54

Petitions: DS1351
Subject: Agency for World Evangelism
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 500, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Nonconcurrence.

Report No. 55

Petitions: DS1370
Subject: Christian Stewardship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 501, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Committee concurs in report and recommends that the General Board of Discipleship publish it in booklet form and circulate as widely as possible in the denomination for study.

Foundation Statement for Christian Stewardship

Introduction

This foundation statement for stewardship is presented to The United Methodist Church for the following reasons:

1. To provide a working definition of Christian stewardship.
2. To provide a basic outline of stewardship which could serve as a guideline for writers of curriculum materials and other literature in which stewardship is being treated.
3. To interpret stewardship broadly so that it deals with more than finance, and more concretely than from a viewpoint which classifies all phases of Christian thought as "the stewardship of something," with the result that the identity and significance of the concept are thereby lost.

4. To encourage the membership of the church to incorporate the philosophy of Christian stewardship into their daily lives and into all phases of the church's program.

5. To help the local church understand the importance of stewardship for its total year-round program.

6. To challenge The United Methodist Church to place stewardship at the very center of its life, and to function itself as a responsible steward.

7. To provide a theological foundation for the work of the various dimensions of The United Methodist Church as they work with all aspects of Christian stewardship.

What is Christian Stewardship?

Christian stewardship is the recognition of God's sovereignty through creation and is a grateful response to God's manifold gifts. Human response is expressed by a dedicated and creative use of all these gifts toward fulfillment of Christ's mission in the world.

Christian stewardship is a response to the love of God as revealed in Christ and is expressed in terms of the worthy management and care of all resources available for the sustenance and enrichment of life.

The only appropriate response that persons can make to the grace of God is to cooperate with God in fulfilling the divine will and purpose. This is done as persons recognize that what they receive from God is to be developed and invested in enterprises of the kingdom. All that is committed to the fulfillment of God's purposes is sanctified. The Christian steward whose life and abilities and resources are totally committed to God's purposes is thus totally sanctified. Such a commitment to vocation brings the Christian's life into the stream of God's purpose so that the spirit of God flows through such a person in a blessing to the world.

Christian stewards accept life, including abilities, power, influence, and money as special trusts from God and relationship with God. These persons will seek to develop these to the fullest, and endeavor to use body and mind and abilities for the purposes of God. Christian stewards also feel a responsibility for the well being of all people, giving them the opportunity to develop their full potential as well.

Christian stewards accept the family as a trust from God and seek to provide the atmosphere in which each member can realize his or her fullest potential. Every person is accepted as a child of God, worthy of dignity and respect. In all personal relationships,

others are valued as of equal worth and the exploitation of any person by other individuals, groups or systems is rejected.

Christian stewards accept the church (as the fellowship of the committed ones) as a trust from God, and seek to assure through this fellowship the extension of God's mission into the community and into the world.

Christian stewards accept the gospel as a trust from God, seek to understand it fully, and endeavor to be faithful custodians of its liberating and reconciling truth. They endeavor to transmit it to others so that they may see its relationship to the whole of life.

Christian stewards accept material resources as a trust from God to maximize the use of these resources. They use the power of this wealth for the purposes of God. Stewards strive to increase the productivity of the world without exploitation and to make it possible for others to share in his bounty.

Christian stewards accept power and influence as a trust from God and endeavor to administer them according to the purposes of God. They encourage others to do likewise.

Christian stewards accept this world with its tremendous resources as a trust from God, seeking to understand what God is doing in the events of history and through technological developments, and endeavoring to be involved in the decisive issues facing society. They strive to penetrate the arena of secular society with the good news of the kingdom.

Christian stewards are hopeful about the ultimate outcome of history, accepting their personal destiny as a trust from God, and endeavoring to invest life and abilities and resources as partners with God and others in shaping one's personal destiny as well as the world's future.

Biblical and Theological Foundations

An examination of the origin and background of the word stewardship enriches the understanding of the concept. In classical Greek, the word used is *oikonomia*, which is derived from two words: *oikos*, meaning "house," and *neimein*, meaning "to distribute." These words combined set forth the idea of the administration of a house.

In addition to the meaning, "a place of residence," the word "Oikos" in the scriptures also implies a bond which unites all who belong to the household. While the household begins with the immediate family, it is extended to include relatives, servants, and guests.

The biblical concept includes the idea that God is the architect of an entirely new household. To be included in this household

means to participate in new life which emerges from God's constant process of creation. A place in the family of God means becoming a member of the body of Christ in which all Christians are included. The growth, nurture and attainment of maturity on the part of the Body depend on God's continuous acts of grace and love in creation and on the faithful response of all who are involved.

Inasmuch as Christian stewardship begins with one's recognition of God's sovereignty, our most appropriate first response is an act of grateful worship. All of us are dependent on resources and activities which we did not create but which are abundantly at hand for our use. It is only through the grace of God that we live and move and have our being.

Christian persons also have a part in the process of creation. They have been placed in God's garden "to dress it and to keep it." (Genesis 2:15) In the work of "dressing and keeping," we become creative. Many products indispensable to an abundant life would not come into existence without the cooperation of stewards. This clearly makes us creators with God as we use the raw materials, which are gifts from God, to develop the garden and its products. This concept maintains the primacy of God as the creator and, therefore, owner of all creation. Our part is significant and indispensable, but it is not primal.

This concept of the role of stewards as co-creators with God brings stewardship quickly and boldly into focus. We are confronted by generous gifts from God and therefore have the obligation to mold them into life as God intends it to be, and to sustain and enrich that life.

Stewards by the gifts and grace of God are free moral agents. They can remain aloof, observing the vast gifts of God and sensing their possibilities while doing nothing to develop them. They can go their way in selfish abandon, thereby refusing to recognize any stewardship responsibility. While some persons have chosen this irresponsible way, many others have responded to the call to become partners with God in the act of creation. This is the way of responsible Christian stewardship.

God is the author of all creation, including persons. God has acted redemptively in history through Jesus Christ. When persons realize this, they respond by becoming involved in the continuing redemptive process. God's presence is evidenced through the stimulating and empowering activity of the Holy Spirit, enabling persons to join God in helping others to achieve wholeness of life. Thus God is revealed as creator, redeemer, and life-giver, and sensitive Christians are challenged by this

revelation to commit their lives fully to God. In this way they become good stewards of God's redeeming grace.

Some things, by God's decree, are not accomplished without the active participation of persons. This points up a central emphasis of Christian stewardship. From the standpoint of human capacity to serve, persons are entrusted with a variety of resources including time, material things, and human abilities. These are provided in order that each may have a part in the achievement of God's purposes.

The Scope and Application of Stewardship

A look at today's society reveals its inhumanity, its misdirected energy, its exploitation, its waste, its mental, social, and spiritual poverty. Starvation on a vast scale reveals human failure and neglect. This failure exists while persons stand in the presence of abundant resources, knowledge, skills, and material goods. There are few distress areas in today's society which could not be startlingly improved, if not solved, with dedicated management of the earth's resources on behalf of all persons.

The call for an effective emphasis in stewardship today can be supported by three practical reasons.

The first reason is need on a world scale. This need is evidenced by illiteracy and the lack of education, poverty which denies multitudes the necessities of life, hunger so extensive that millions of people have not strength by which to support themselves, and illness which inevitably goes with undernourishment.

The second reason for the call to dedicated stewardship springs from the fact that there are those fortunate enough to have more than they really need of the world's resources.

The third reason is the potential for renewal of life which comes to persons who respond to God's call to meet the world's need. The sharing of resources in Christian generosity could go far in meeting the world's needs. And this sharing should begin with the full commitment of individuals to offer all resources to the end that the basic needs of persons may be met.

Christian stewardship is much broader in its meaning and application to total life than its traditional use has indicated. An emphasis on the giving of money has usually been dominant. The attempts which are being made to broaden the meaning of stewardship do not imply that the emphasis on giving of money should be minimized. Even though the stewardship of income and possessions is vital, all other phases of stewardship must be more clearly and convincingly stressed.

The basic approach to a better understanding of Christian stewardship should show that it is for all of life. This places emphasis on the total commitment of life to God through Christ and opens the door for response to God's call in every area of life. The program of stewardship consists of putting these principles into practice in our daily lives.

The Stewardship of Time and Ability

The stewardship of time and ability calls for emphasis in at least three areas of the Christian's life: the stewardship of vocation, the stewardship of service, and stewardship on the job.

The vocation, or "calling" of the Christian requires that there be a witness through daily life to all with whom the Christian comes in contact. It requires the calling into question any use of time and energy which exploits persons and requires use of these resources to enrich the lives of others.

Being a Christian is a "vocation" that offers a double appeal. It calls persons to become engaged in the proclamation, development, and application of Christian faith to society. It also offers every Christian, regardless of occupation, a way to interpret life in terms of sacred calling.

The stewardship of services stresses the giving of service above and beyond that for which remuneration is received. By such acts of service much of the work of the church is done both within and beyond its walls. This sort of commitment results also in a great amount of community service.

The giving of time and ability in the service of the church and related causes is as important to the Christian as it is to the cause. There is a trend in the direction of employing persons to perform duties which could be carried out as an expression of a personal ministry. Many church members indicate a willingness to contribute money to pay for services rather than give the service. But this may not involve them fully in the mission of the church. Christian service must be strongly employed as an ongoing part of the Christian stewardship commitment.

Those who serve as leaders in the church should not overlook the gifts and abilities which are available among persons who retire early and others who have time to give because of their circumstances of life. This available ability should be considered in offering potential service beyond the local church.

Stewardship on the job in one's chosen occupation is an expression of the idea of vocation through quality of work, bringing into play the best of mind and ability in every task performed. A significant motivation of this is the principle that

one ought to do no less than the best regardless of where service is given because the gifts used are from God. This is a principle that should be applied in whatever vocation a person chooses, especially in this day of interdependence and specialization.

Time is a gift from God and a Christian steward uses it with care. Such care implies that one will not use time in ways that are injurious to others or allow it to be dissipated through inactivity or waste.

The Stewardship of Accumulated Resources

Any well-rounded consideration of stewardship must include the management of accumulated property or funds. The first obligation of Christian stewards in this regard is that everyone with anything to distribute should make a will in order that accumulated possessions may be distributed according to the will of the testator. A Christian steward will give careful thought to including Christian causes as an objective in disposing of an estate.

God's kingdom may be advanced through many channels, but a major one of these is certainly the church. It is appropriate, therefore, for the Christian to further its work by leaving a portion of an estate to the church. Whatever bequests are made should reflect consideration by the testator of the capital and benevolent programs of the local congregation, conference institutions, and the continuing objectives of the boards and agencies that serve the world-wide ministries of the church. Bequests to endow current expenditures or the program of local churches are not recommended because congregations which are relieved of the responsibility to provide ongoing support are all too likely to become stagnant and inactive.

The Stewardship of Community Service

Total responsibility as a steward includes service beyond family and local church. Community issues, political activity, welfare needs, and public improvements all require generous amounts of time and service as extensions of Christian ministry.

The Christian's sense of responsibility should extend also beyond the immediate community to the world community. This calls for interest in and support of the world mission of the church. Any undergirding of the church's extended mission will include concern for reliable government, racial justice, world peace, the elimination of poverty, and other social concerns.

The Stewardship of Natural Resources

The conservation of God-given resources must become a major concern of those who care for the future of the human race. Minerals, forests, water, air, soil, and wild life are of prime importance. Each resource needs to be studied and plans formulated by which its best use and preservation may be achieved. The preservation of natural resources and their restoration and enrichment are major objectives for Christian stewards.

Air pollution has become such a problem that the battle for clean air may soon be lost unless drastic measures are taken at once. The U.S. Public Health Service reported that three-fifths of the population of the United States are presently affected by air pollution, while fully 25 percent of the population now live in areas actually suffering from major air pollution. It is believed that a major disaster would occur if the polluted air over any of our large cities would stop moving for several days.

Insecticide pollution is causing the death of birds and other wildlife and is seriously affecting human beings.

The water supply in many cities consists of river water which is safe for drinking only after it has been subjected to complicated and expensive treatment. This treatment is made necessary by the widespread practice of pouring waste materials into our rivers.

Authorities state more natural resources have been destroyed in the past 100 years in the United States than in the rest of the entire world, and that unless corrective measures are taken, our usable water reserves will be exhausted.

The problem of conservation must become everyone's concern since everyone is dependent upon natural resources. The indispensability of these resources should stir a concern to preserve them in order that coming generations may have the necessities of life. Exploitations must be replaced by careful planning to conserve where the supply of resources is limited, and to replenish where this is possible.

Conservation becomes a matter of stewardship inasmuch as natural resources are gifts from God to all persons and because they are necessary to the preservation of life. Stewardship calls for use without abuse, with all possible preservation of the existing supply.

Christian concern to reduce the waste of natural resources should be matched by consideration for the program to restore the beauty of nature after mining operations have marred the earth's surface, and for restoration after the cutting of timber.

Conservation must become a vital concern of government because it is a matter which has bearing on the abundant life of the entire nation. The nature and magnitude of the problem are such that appropriate laws must be enacted in order to require compliance with good conservation practices.

The Stewardship of Energy

The use of all forms of energy has increased significantly in recent years. Christian stewardship calls for a technology that will increase the efficient use of energy as well as calling for significant conservation measures. Persons who control sources of energy are in an extremely powerful position. The exercise of this control should take into consideration the needs of all persons and countries.

The Stewardship of Personal Power

Those into whose hands falls the responsibility of control and management of resources and people ought to accept this as a power given to them by God to be administered for the good of the entire world. Every individual has a certain amount of personal and group influence. Together, this power can be used to enhance the abundant life or to exploit and even destroy it. The Christian steward will therefore look upon the proper use of personal influence as a God-given responsibility.

Corporate Stewardship

Increasingly the destiny of individuals and of vast groups of people is being determined by the corporate action of boards of control, directors of corporations, executive committees, government officials, and administrative boards. Responsibility for action which formerly rested with the individual now often resides in corporate action.

This is well illustrated in present day local church procedures. A few years ago it was the custom for the individual church member personally to determine the distribution of gifts by designating proportions to local church expenses, benevolences, missions, building funds and church school support. Now the trend is in the direction of consolidated and undesignated pledging, with budgeting distribution left to the administrative board or council. This development confronts the church with the need for corporate stewardship on the part of the governing board. Such a board should consider very carefully what is the

proper ratio between the amount used for local expenses and the amount allocated for others. The latter should include careful consideration of needs of persons within the community of which the local church is a part. The world mission of the church should include the needs of persons both far and near. Those who determine the distribution of funds of a local church should consider designating as much for benevolences as for the local church.

Spending so much for any project so that the world mission of the church or nearby community needs are neglected has become an issue which must be faced. The general church and local churches should consider carefully the real needs of persons today and tomorrow, and to which program of the church these should be directed. They should then ask themselves whether or not any proposed program is justified in light of world needs. General agencies and institutions have the same responsibility as corporate bodies to administer the funds and powers allocated to them in accordance with sound stewardship principles.

The church has not only the responsibility to promote the stewardship attitude in its constituency but also to order and manage its own affairs according to the best standards of stewardship, as for example, in the distribution of funds entrusted to its care. Both a high consideration of the needs of others and a conscientious devotion to the wishes of the donor are required.

Accurate and conscientious financial accounting and the keeping of accurate records are other obligations of the church.

The extension of love and service wherever human needs are found should be the guiding principles for the stewardship of the receiving agency or institution. The corporate group wishing to formulate its policies according to the principles of Christian stewardship might well consider the following as guidelines:

Which Comes First?

1. The sense of mission for the Christian way of life in the world shall be given proper attention and support.
2. Governing bodies shall be on guard lest selfish motives cause favoritism of local projects rather than those farther distant where the actual need is greater.
3. Groups which make decisions shall be sensitive to the will and wishes of their constituency.
4. Local church organizations shall be asked to consider the interests and needs of the kingdom of God ahead of the comforts and privileges of members of the group.

5. General agencies shall be very sensitive in the area of their corporate stewardship, seeking to administer with utmost integrity funds allocated by the church for their use in performing services to the entire church.

Conclusion

Stewardship involves all of life. It is based on clear biblical and theological concepts. A Christian view of income possessions is needed as an instrument to be used when a financial need arises or when a special appeal for money is to be made.

Stress must also be placed on the stewardship of time and ability, of personal and corporate and environment resources, of influence and power, and of services reaching out to the world community.

These goals call for the presentation of the needs of the world. This makes clear the mission of the church. But a full response to the needs of the world requires more than simply the presenting of these needs, important as that is. It requires also the inner Christian compulsion to give, to share, to expend one's self, to serve even as Jesus did. It requires the commitment of one's own life along with available material resources. The issues of the day must be met by that which flows from the hearts of dedicated Christians. This is Christian stewardship.

Report No. 56

Petitions: DS1117
Subject: Ministries of Evangelism
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 502, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Committee voted nonconcurrence due to previous action on Report No. 78.

Report No. 57

Petitions: DS1379, DS1382, DS1380
Subject: Hiring of Staff for "Singles" Work
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 503, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Committee concurred that these be referred to the Personnel Committee of the General Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 58

Petitions: DS-CN1022
Subject: Original Texts of Hymns
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 504, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
Nonconcurrence as already dealt with in Report No. 39.

Report No. 59

Petitions: DS1345, DS1343
Subject: Retain Use of Christian Year
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 109; (attendance and vote not reported)
Calendar No. 505, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 478.
The committee votes concurrence due to action in Report No. 80.

Report No. 60

Petitions: DS1012
Subject: Development of Doctrinal Study Group
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 83; For 59; Against 20; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 578, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 319.
The committee recommends that the General Conference authorize the Council of Bishops to constitute a committee on our theological task, representative of the whole church, to prepare a new statement that will reflect the needs of the church, define the scope of our Wesleyan tradition in the context of our contemporary world, and report to the 1988 General Conference.

It further recommends that upon passage of the above, this matter be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for funding. The rationale for such a committee is as follows:

Part II (pages 40-85) of the *Discipline* has served the church helpfully for three quadrennia, and theological dialogue has developed in depth and scope both in Wesleyan and ecumenical circles over these past 12 years. As a result, many petitions have been received relative to paragraphs in Part II.

The legislative committee does not see itself dealing with theological issues of the magnitude raised by the petitions, and feels that to do so would result in a patchwork document that would not serve needs of the whole church.

Report No. 61

Petitions: DS1376
Subject: Leadership Development and Training
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 86; For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 708, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes concurrence to amend ¶ 1319.6 to read as follows:

6. To provide resources and support services for the **lay speaker program,** including standards for the **local church lay speaker and certified lay speaker** and designs and resources for use by Annual Conferences and districts in the training of **local church lay speakers and certified lay speakers.**

Report No. 62

Petitions: DS1374
Subject: Addition of "Personnel" to ¶ 1319.3
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 87; For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 709, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes concurrence with the deletion of words *Board of Trustees.* following the word "Personnel" in ¶ 1319.3.

Report No. 63

Petitions: DS1094
Subject: Certified Lay Workers
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 710, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes nonconcurrence with changing ¶ 1300.

Report No. 64

Petitions: DS-MN1042
Subject: District Lay Speaking
Date: (not reported)
Membership 109; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 711, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes concurrence to add new ¶ 740, and renumber present ¶740 accordingly:

¶ 740. District Committee on Lay Speaking—There may be a District Committee on Lay Speaking.

1. The purpose of the District Committee on Lay Speaking shall be to plan and supervise the lay speaker program within the district.

2. Membership shall be the District Lay Leader, District Superintendent, Director of Lay Speaking (if elected), an instructor of lay speaking courses, other resource persons as desired.

3. The responsibilities of the District Committee on Lay Speaking shall be to plan and supervise the lay speaking program within the district that will provide basic training for local church lay speakers as recommended by the Board of Discipleship and advanced courses for the certified lay speaker.

4. The District Committee shall plan advanced courses for lay speaking that will enable the recertification of the certified lay speakers.

5. The District Committee will report to the pastor and Charge Conference of each certified lay speaker the courses that have been satisfactorily completed by the certified lay speaker.

Report No. 65

Petitions: DS1065

Subject: Composition of Conference Board of Laity

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 87; For 84; Against 3; Not Voting 1. (Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor)

Calendar No. 712, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.

The committee voted to amend ¶ 720.8c to read as follows:

"The officers of the board *may* **shall** be a president who *may* **shall** be the conference lay leader, *a vice president*, and other officers as the board shall deem necessary.

Report No. 66

Petitions: DS1083

Subject: District Lay Leader Responsibilities

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 713, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as it is covered in earlier action.

Report No. 67

Petitions: DS1066, DS1067
Subject: Establish a Conference Board of Laity
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 88; For 88; Aganst 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 714, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee voted nonconcurrence as already handled in similar motion.

Report No. 68

Petitions: DS1342
Subject: United Methodist Award of Excellence
Date: (not reported)
Membership 109; Present 73, For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 715, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes concurrence to refer this to the General Board of Discipleship for study and implementation as soon as possible.

Report No. 69

Petitions: DS1384
Subject: United Methodist Men
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 87; For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 716, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes nonconcurrence due to lack of clarity.

Report No. 70

Petitions: DS1346
Subject: Use of Word Laity
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 717, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee voted nonconcurrence with change of word "laity" to "non-clergy" throughout the *Discipline*.

Report No. 71

Petitions: DS1072
Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Speakers
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 718, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 720.8a as follows:

After "related to the . . ." **certified Lay Speakers and to the Board of Laity.**

Report No. 72

Petitions: DS1070

Subject: Lay Life and Work Responsibilities

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 719, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

The committee votes nonconcurrence as it was covered in Report No. 93.

Report No. 73

Petitions: DS1082, DS1084

Subject: District Lay Leader on Committee on District Superintendency

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 720, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

The committee votes concurrence to amend ¶ 736.1 to read:

The district lay leader shall also be a member of the Committee on District Superintendency of his/her district.

The committee votes concurrence to amend ¶ 740.1 to read:

The district lay leader shall be one of the seven laypersons on the committee.

The committee votes concurrence to amend ¶ 736.7 to read:

The district lay leader shall serve on the district and the annual conference Committee on Lay Speaking.

Report No. 74

Petitions: DS1359

Subject: Evangelism Responsibilities

Date: (not reported)

Membership 109; Present 93; For 88; Against 5; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 721, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 497.

The committee votes nonconcurrence due to revision in Report No. 90.

Report No. 75

Petitions: DS1362, DS1364
Subject: Worship
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 722, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes nonconcurrence because of revisions in Report No. 90.

Report No. 76

Petitions: DS1377
Subject: Delete Present ¶ 1320
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 723, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee concurred to delete present ¶ 1320.

Report No. 77

Petitions: DS1104
Subject: Prison Fellowship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 724, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee concurs that the Prison Fellowship be commended to congregations by the General Board of Discipleship as a resource for guidance and training as congregations explore "discipleship as prison ministry."

Report No. 78

Petitions: DS1108, DS1361
Subject: Evangelism
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 725, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee concurs with the following report and refers it to the General Board of Discipleship:

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church shall make as the top priority the winning of new persons to faith in Christ.

The General Board of Discipleship shall be charged with responsibility to give visibility to this priority both in its Evangelism Section and its Curriculum Resources Committee.

Every pastor and local church shall report at the Annual Charge Conference on the development of plans and progress toward being a growing congregation.

Every effort shall be made to communicate the need for all persons in the church, clergy and lay, to share/witness/care/live a real love for others in the name of Christ.

Report No. 79

Petitions: DS1116
Subject: Members as Role Models
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 726, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee concurred with need for members to be role models and referred petition to the General Board of Discipleship, Lay Ministries Standing Committee, for implementation.

Report No. 80

Petitions: DS1366
Subject: Retain Christian Year
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 96; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 727, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Committee concurred to amend ¶ 1314.1 by adding the following after "and related arts": **within the context of the existing seasons of the Christian Year: namely Advent, Christmastide, Epiphany, Lent, Eastertide, Pentecost, and the season after Pentecost (United Methodist Kingdomtide).**

The committee also refers this to the General Board of Discipleship for the inclusion of the "United Methodist Kingdomtide" after all places where the "Season after Pentecost" is used.

Report No. 81

Petitions: DS1394
Subject: Delete ¶ 1325.1d
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 96; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 728, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee concurred with the recommendation to delete ¶ 1325.1d as follows:

d) *When General Board of Discipleship meetings are held and staff are present, the editorial staff may sit with the board with the privilege of floor without vote.*
Renumber ¶ *1325.1e* as **1325.1d.**

Report No. 82

Petitions: DS-CS1454
Subject: "Family Encounter"
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 729, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Concurrence that the development of a family encounter ministry be explored by the Committee on Family Life.

Report No. 83

Petitions: DS1337
Subject: Baptism Study
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 102; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 730, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 497.
Committee concurred in referral to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry where it is understood such a study is under way.

Report No. 84

Petitions: DS1119
Subject: Honorarium for Ministers at Funerals
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 731, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Committee concurred that the new Book of Worship shall include no rubric re: pastor requesting an honorarium for the Order for the Burial of the Dead.

Report No. 85

Petitions: DS1339
Subject: Set Goal to Increase Membership
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 85; Against 15; Not Voting 8.
(Vote printed as reported by committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 732, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 445.

Committee voted concurrence with following recommendation and that action be directed to each board and agency referred to in the petition:

Whereas, the great commission was given to every Christian by our Lord Jesus Christ to preach the good news of God's saving grace even to the end of the world, and

Whereas, the United States of America is witnessing an accelerated growth in its ethnic minority populations which provides tremendous opportunities of growth, and

Whereas, the Wesleyan heritage of The United Methodist Church clearly mandates Christians to extend the right hand of fellowship to all who accept the saving grace of God, and

Whereas, membership in the Church is the sign of grace accepted, we petition the 1984 General Conference to adopt the goal of increasing the membership of The United Methodist Church to 20,000,000 persons by the end of the next two quadrennia.

Each Annual Conference is requested to set targets of membership increase, to develop strategies to apply for membership increase at local church and district levels, and to determine effective ways of evaluation.

The General Council on Ministries is requested to provide demographic information on membership spread, trends of increase, decrease, etc., to indicate the areas which are the potentials for increase in future membership.

The General Board of Global Ministries—National Division, working with representatives of Annual Conferences and leaders of local churches on new church development and church redevelopment, based on patterns of immigration, changing communities, is requested to set specific targets and goals of membership increase, Conference by Conference, area by area, Jurisdiction by Jurisdiction.

The General Board of Discipleship is requested to provide materials on evangelization and church growth, which can be used by local churches. The materials should include theological background, step by step understanding, check lists, periodical evaluation methods, etc., for evangelization and growth of local churches.

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is requested to set plans for ministerial recruitment to meet the growing needs for newly developed congregations, as well as growing congregations, and plans for retooling ongoing ministers to be equipped for membership increase on the local church level.

All the United Methodist seminaries are requested to create academic courses to equip students with the tools of theology,

methodology, language, culture, and knowledge of societal and global interaction which affect future growth of membership in the church.

Report No. 86

Petitions: DS-CN1023
Subject: "Gloria Patri" change from World Without End
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 85; For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 733, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Nonconcurrence due to previous action.

Report No. 87

Petitions: DS1367, DS1368
Subject: Worship Responsibilities
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 734, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Nonconcurrence because of action on Report No. 90.

Report No. 88

Petitions: DS1378, DS1381
Subject: Age-Level and Family Ministries
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 735, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee recommends that ¶ 1320 be adopted as follows:

¶ 1320. Age-Level and Family Ministries.—1. To provide a coordinated and integrated approach for developing resources and support for children, youth, adults of all ages, family, and singles programs.

2. To provide interpretation, resources, consultative and support services to age-level and family ministry coordinators and other leaders as they carry out their responsibilities:

a) To encourage and resource programs in local churches addressed to the differing needs and aspirations of persons in each age group and of families as centers for the formation of spiritual growth and values consistent with Christian teaching and practice.

b) To provide in collaboration with other appropriate agencies resources, training, consultative and administrative services, and support for specialized programs in age-level and

family ministries. This includes, but is not limited to, marital growth programs, parenting programs and human sexuality training programs with children, youth, adults of all ages and families and singles in settings of service and leisure. Intergenerational ministries and preparation for life-long process of aging also may be included.

3. To provide liaison relationships and joint programming services with specialized interdenominational and cooperative programs in age-level and family ministries. This includes, but is not limited to, the International Christian Youth Exchange.

Report No. 89

Petitions: DS1327
Subject: Report of the General Board of Discipleship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 102; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 736, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee concurred and received the report.
(Editor's note: By action on this report, the General Conference concurred in and received the quadrennial report of the General Board of Discipleship. The report was printed in Advance Edition I of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages I9-I21.)

Report No. 90

Petitions: DS1358
Subject: Evangelism Responsibilities
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 737, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
Committee concurs and recommends that ¶ 1313 be revised as follows:

¶ 1313. Evangelism Responsibilities.—1. To set forth an adequate biblical and theological basis and understanding for the personal, corporate, and social aspects of evangelism, consistent with the doctrine **and tradition** of The United Methodist Church, and to communicate and interpret the same to the membership of the Church.

2. To give particular emphasis to the promotion **and interpretation** of comprehensive and practical **ministries and** programs of evangelism at the conference, district, and local church levels, so that persons *without a church affiliation will be included within the responsibility of some local church* **who are not active**

Christian disciples through any local church will be cared for and invited by a United Methodist Church.

3. To give guidance to the Church in using leisure time and the appropriate days and seasons of the Christian calendar for special evangelistic emphasis **as a part of the ongoing ministries of evangelism.**

4. To provide **training and** resources for **strategies, ministries, and** programs in evangelism, including resources for the local church work areas on evangelism (¶ 260.4) and related committees and task forces.

5. To cooperate with other program agencies of the Church in supporting and equipping both clergy and laity **at all levels** in involvement in evangelism, **church growth, and new congregational development.**

6. **To provide and encourage research in what creative congregations are doing in effective evangelism that can serve as models for other churches, and** to foster experimentation and demonstration of additional evangelistic approaches, consistent with the nature of the Christian gospel and the Church, at all levels of the Church's life including new congregations and all racial and cultural groups.

7. To cooperate with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in developing standards governing the work of those persons seeking to be certified as local church ministers and directors of evangelism, and associate and assistant ministers and directors of evangelism. Such standards of certification shall be designed to acquaint persons with viable understandings of evangelism for the contemporary Church that will enable them to create and discover ways by which the gospel can be made real in the lives of persons and events.

8. **7.** To provide resources and services for those *certified* **serving** as local church ministers and directors of evangelism, and associate and assistant ministers and directors of evangelism.

9. **8.** To cooperate with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (¶ 1625.2) to set minimal standards for elders desiring to serve as conference-approved evangelists. The board shall send copies of these standards quadrennially to the bishops, district superintendents, conference Board of Discipleship, and conference evangelists. An elder who feels called of God to be a conference-approved evangelist should prepare definitely for such service under the guidance of the Annual Conference to which the person belongs.

10. **9.** To maintain and service the General Military Roll for The United Methodist Church and to work in cooperation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry so that

United Methodist chaplains may be aware of and informed concerning all forms and phases of evangelism.

11. **10.** To relate and provide liaison services to denominational **and ecumenical** associations and fellowships of evangelism.

12. **11.** To seek mutual cooperation among and with the seminaries of the Church and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in the training and nurturing of persons for ministry and in continuing education where the responsibilities intersect.

13. **12.** To communicate with other agencies in whose programs the subject matter of evangelism would be included, and to provide counsel, guidance, and resources for the implementation of such programs.

14. **13.** To participate in and cooperate with the work of the Curriculum Resources Committee of the board for the inclusion of evangelism concepts and resources in local church study curriculum.

14. To provide, as needed, consultation with conference and district leaders and other agencies to develop strategies in evangelism for church growth and new congregational development.

Report No. 91

Petitions: DS1412, DS1414, DS1410, DS1409

Subject: Changes and Additions to Discipline ¶¶ by National Youth Ministry Organization

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 738, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

The committee concurred to refer to the General Board of Discipleship and the National Youth Ministry Organization for implementation.

Report No. 92

Petitions: DS-LC1043

Subject: Professional Church Workers

Date: May 4, 1984

Membershp 109; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 739, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.

Committee voted nonconcurrence with proposed change.

Report No. 93

Petitions: DS1073

Subject: Adding Words "of all ages"

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 740, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 497.
The committee votes concurrence with addition "of all ages" so ¶ 720 will read as follows:

¶ 720.7a (last portion of the sentence): ". . .; to give special emphasis to programs and services which will enable laity **of all ages** to serve more effectively as leaders in both Church and community."

¶ 720.7d (fourth line): "To give support and direction to the conference and district program for local church officer development, coordinating and developing training experiences that will enable persons **of all ages** to serve more effectively as members of local church Councils on Ministries, Administrative Boards, and . . . , etc."

¶ 720.8a (third line): "To foster an awareness of the role of the laity in achieving the mission of the church and to enable and support *lay* participation **by laity of all ages** in the planning and decision-making processes of the Annual Conference, district, and local church . . . , etc."

Report No. 94

Petitions: DS1397, DS1398
Subject: Membership of Curriculum Resources Committee
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 997, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 498.
The committee concurs with the proposed amendment to delete ¶ 1327.1c, which now reads:

Twenty members from the program boards as follows: the general secretary of the General Board of Discipleship and the three general secretaries of the other program boards or someone designated by them; the editor of church school publications and five staff members of the Curriculum Resources Committee; six staff members representing educational concerns; one staff person representing lay life and work concerns; one staff person representing the concerns of evangelism, worship, and stewardship; the president and publisher of The United Methodist Publishing House and the vice-president in charge of publishing.

The committee also concurs to amend ¶ 1327.1b) as follows:

Twenty members, nominated by the executive committee of the board, of whom at least seven shall be pastors, at least three of whom shall be voting members of the board, **at least one of**

whom shall be at the time of election serving churches of 200 members or less; at least seven shall be laypersons actively participating as member/leader/teacher in the educational ministry in the local church, at least three of whom shall be voting members of the board, **at least one of whom shall be at the time of election serving churches of 200 members or less;** six members at large shall be nominated, three of whom shall be members of the board, with due consideration to the diversity in theological perspectives, educational attainments, sex, age, racial and ethnic differences, and sizes of local churches, and in consultation with the directors of Councils on Ministries or Boards of Discipleship in each of the Annual Conferences.

Report No. 95

Petitions: DS1373
Subject: Family Life Committee
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 87; Against 3; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 998, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 498.
Committee voted concurrence with new ¶ 1321 as follows:

¶ 1321. Committee on Family Life.—1. There shall be a Committee on Family Life which shall be administratively related to the General Board of Discipleship.

The committee shall provide the arena for information sharing, cooperative planning, and joint program endeavors as determined in accordance with the responsibilities and objectives of the participating boards and agencies. The committee shall serve as an advocate for family life concerns with all general boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church and in the larger society.

The responsibilities of the committee shall include the following:

a) To identify the needs and concerns of families in our complex society.

b) To survey the Church's ministry with families and to collect and disseminate information on models and programs which inform the work of all boards and agencies to strengthen, enrich and enable family living consistent with Christian teaching and practice.

c) To encourage exploration of the biblical, theological, and experiential understandings of family living and the Church's role in ministry to and with families.

d) To advocate the development and implementation of programs, policies, and services by agencies of The United

Methodist Church which are designed to impact those systems and concepts which adversely affect family life.

e) To relate and provide liaison services to interdenominational and ecumenical agencies in the area of family life, including The World Methodist Committee on Family Life and The National Council of Churches Commission on Family Ministries and Human Sexuality.

2. The committee shall consist of staff and/or member representatives from the General Board of Discipleship, General Board of Global Ministries, General Board of Church and Society, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and two bishops selected by the Council of Bishops. Each board may name at least one at-large member in order to provide additional expertise and consultation. It is strongly recommended that the committee be as inclusive as possible.

Report No. 96

Petitions: DS1392

Subject: Church School Curriculum for Small Membership Church

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 999, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.

The committee concurred with the resolution, "Church School Curriculum for Small Membership Churches," as printed in Report No. 8 (see page 1001).

Report No. 97

Petitions: DS1322

Subject: Publication of Ethnic Minority Resources

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1000, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.

The committee concurs with the following resolution:

Publication of Ethnic Minority Resources

Whereas, United Methodism is a racially and ethnically diverse constituency; and

Whereas, publications, literature, and curriculum material should reflect this diversity,

We Petition the 1984 General Conference to request general boards and agencies and United Methodist publications to continue the publication of ethnic minority resources, literature, and other material.

Report No. 98

Petitions: DS1011, DS1018, DS1015, DS1048, DS1347
Subject: Restrictive Rules
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1001, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence with informational reference to committee, in light of Report No. 37.

Report No. 99

Petitions: DS1016, DS1017, DS1125
Subject: Communion
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1002, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence due to previous action.

Report No. 100

Petitions: DS1318, DS1105
Subject: Easter on Fixed Date
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
(Note: Vote is printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 1003, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence due to previous action.

Report No. 101

Petitions: DS1319, DS1114
Subject: Provide Missionary Education for Children/Youth
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; (Vote not reported).
Calendar No. 1004, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 478.
Committee concurred to refer these requests to the Curriculum Resources Committee and the Section on Christian Education of the General Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 102

Petitions: DS1100
Subject: Curriculum for the Deaf
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1005, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
The committee concurred to amend ¶ 1322, following "psychological development," add **sight and hearing impairments.**
(Note: The committee did not submit a Report No. 103.—Editor)

Report No. 104

Petitions: DS1102
Subject: Develop Standards for Christian Educators
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1006, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of existing legislation.

Report No. 105

Petitions: DS1390, DS1386, DS1387
Subject: Responsibility of General Board of Discipleship for Curriculum Resources Committee
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1007, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee concurs to amend ¶ 1322 and renumber as follows:

¶ *1322* **1328.** There shall be a Curriculum Resources Committee organized and administered by the General Board of Discipleship, which shall be responsible for constructing plans for curriculum and curriculum resources to be used in the church school (see ¶ 262.1). The plans for curriculum and curriculum resources shall be designed to help local churches carry out the Church's educational ministry with children, youth, **young adults,** adults, and families, and to meet the needs of various racial, ethnic, age, cultural, and language constituencies, as well as the needs of persons of various learning capacities, backgrounds, levels of psychological development, and Christian maturity. **Plans for curriculum shall give particular attention to the characteristics and needs of small membership congregations.** They shall be for use in a variety of settings, both formal and informal, including **Sunday schools, fellowship groups,** outdoor experi-

ences, family life, leadership education, campus ministries, and confirmation **preparation** classes. . .

Report No. 106

Petitions: DS1388
Subject: Curriculum On USA Agriculture
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1008, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee concurred with idea and votes to refer to the Curriculum Resources Committee.

Report No. 107

Petitions: DS1107
Subject: Establish Study on Discipline
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1009, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted to refer petition to the Council of Bishops.

Report No. 108

Petitions: DS1098, DS1109
Subject: Curriculum Resources for Hispanic Church
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1010, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee concurred to refer to the Curriculum Resources Committee of the General Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 109

Petitions: DS1110
Subject: Frequent Celebration of Lord's Supper
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 89; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1011, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence in requiring Communion every Sunday.

Report No. 110

Petitions: DS1087, DS1331, DS-CN1024, DS-CN1021, DS1120
Subject: Adopt Supplemental Resources

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1012, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
The committee voted nonconcurrence due to Report No. 39.

Report No. 111

Petitions: DS1348, DS1091
Subject: Worship Resources to Contain Old and New Testament
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1013, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee concurs with submitting these to committee formed by Report No. 39.

Report No. 112

Petitions: DS1323
Subject: Questions for Confirmation
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1014, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 113

Petitions: DS1014
Subject: Age for Taking Communion
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1015, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence on setting a specific age to receive Communion.

Report No. 114

Petitions: DS1402
Subject: Meetings of National Youth Ministry Organization
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1016, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee concurred with the changes in ¶ 1401.3; following the sentence, "The expenses of the Conference representatives shall

be paid by the conference they represent," add: **It is also recommended that the expense of the alternates be paid by the Conference they represent.**

Report No. 115

Petitions: DS1310
Subject: Oppose Liberation Theology
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 92; For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1017, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 116

Petitions: DS1353
Subject: Organization of General Board of Discipleship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1018, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee votes concurrence with amendment to present ¶ 1304.1 as follows:

1. The board shall consist of the number of members as defined in ¶ 805 of the general provisions **with the addition of these Central Conference persons: one bishop or an alternate bishop (¶ 810.10), one clergy, and one layperson; one of these shall be a woman.** It shall be organized to accomplish its work through elected officers as prescribed in ¶ 808. *One of the episcopal members of the board shall be a Central Conference Bishop.* One of the laymen elected by each jurisdiction shall be the president, or someone designated by the president, of the Jurisdictional Committee of United Methodist Men (¶¶ 635 and 805).

Report No. 117

Petitions: DS1371
Subject: Committee on Family Life
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; (vote not reported).
Calendar No. 1020, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 478.
Committee votes nonconcurrence due to action on Report No. 95, referring content.

Report No. 118

Petitions: DS1385
Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship/ Comprehensive Youth Ministry

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; (vote not reported).
Calendar No. 1021, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 478.
Committee concurred to the addition of new ¶ 1322:

¶ 1322. Comprehensive Youth Ministry.—1. There shall be four component parts to a comprehensive approach to development and implementation of youth ministry programming at all levels of the Church:

a) Curriculum. Through the Curriculum Resources Committee (¶) the General Board of Discipleship shall ensure the availability of curriculum and leaders' guides for use in a variety of settings suitable for the specific needs of all persons in the 12-18 year old age group.

b) Program Resources. Additional and supplemental guidebooks and other program aids shall be developed and promoted for effective youth ministry programs in the local church and at the district, Annual Conference, jurisdictional, and general church levels.

c) Leadership Training and Networking. Leadership training shall be provided to encourage and support adult workers with youth and youth leaders in their roles as teachers, counselors, advisors, and enablers at all levels of the Church. Networking shall be developed to maintain on-going communication through workshops, special mailings, and publications between leaders in youth ministries across the denomination for the enhancement of skills and the sharing of effective models and resources.

d) Structures. Active and effective structures for youth ministry programming shall be promoted and maintained at the local church, district, Annual Conference, jurisdictional, and general church levels for the full involvement of youth in leadership and membership and for the advocacy of youth concerns in all areas of Church life, planning and administration.

Report No. 119

Petitions: DS1372
Subject: Delete Present ¶ 1318
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1022, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted concurrence to delete existing ¶ 1318 to allow for Report No. 95.

Report No. 120

Petitions: DS-CN1237
Subject: Recognize Order of St. Luke
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1114, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
The committee voted nonconcurrence due to previous action.

Report No. 121

Petitions: DS1357, DS-AD1510
Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 90; For 79; Against 9; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1115, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.
The committee voted to amend ¶ 1309.5 to read as follows:

5. The board shall develop standards governing all types of camping in regard to physical facilities, program, and leadership. **To the extent possible all camps shall be accessible to persons with handicapping conditions.**

Report No. 122

Petitions: DS1404, DS1391, DS1063, DS1415, DS1393, DS1396, DS1411, DS1395, DS1352, DS1401, DS1076
Subject: Retain Present ¶¶ 1401, 1402, 1403 relating to National Youth Ministry Organization
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1116, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
The committee voted nonconcurrence because these matters have been dealt with in action on Report No. 125.

Report No. 123

Petitions: DS1413
Subject: National Youth Ministry Organization Project Review Committee
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 69; For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
(Note: Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 1117, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.
The committee concurred to amend the last sentence of ¶ 1403 to read as follows:

The Project Review Committee shall be composed of *four* **five** youth from the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee, and *three* **two** adults who are members of The United Methodist Church but are not members of the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee, or related to any other general agency.

Report No. 124

Petitions: DS1405, DS1406, DS1403, DS1407, DS1408

Subject: National Youth Ministry Organization

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 109; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1118, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.*

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶¶ 1401 and 1402 as follows:

¶ 1401.2. The membership of the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation shall be:

a) Voting Members.—Three representatives from each Annual Conference selected by the conference Council on Youth Ministry. Of those selected, two are to be youth (one of which is the conference youth president or designate), and one adult (the conference youth coordinator or designate). It is strongly recommended that at least one of the conference representatives be from a racial/ethnic minority. An Annual Conference must have a youth present in order to exercise voting privileges. **Voting members shall be members (full or preparatory) of The United Methodist Church.**

¶ 1401.2c) The youth chairperson from each jurisdiction would be a voting member of The National Youth Ministry Convocation. The Jurisdictional Council on Ministries or equivalent body may provide funding for expenses for the jurisdictional youth chairperson to attend the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation. These jurisdictional youth chairpersons will be in addition to the two youth and one adult attending from their annual conference.

¶ **1402.** *National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee.*—1. *Membership.*—The **National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee** shall consist of twenty-four youth **who are members (full or preparatory) of The United Methodist Church** (it is strongly recommended that at least one-half of these youth shall be from racial/ethnic minorities, so elected that each minority is represented); *one Annual Conference coordinator of youth ministry from each jurisdiction;* **one**

adult involved in youth ministries on the conference level from each jurisdiction; . . .

2. *Election.—a)* Fourteen youth and five adults shall be elected at the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation in the following manner: Each jurisdictional caucus shall elect two youth and one adult; four youth **and one racial/ethnic minority adult** shall be elected as additional members by the total voting membership of the convocation. Ten youth (two from each jurisdiction) shall be elected in the alternate years at the jurisdictional youth ministry convocations.

Report No. 125

Petitions: DS1106
Subject: National Youth Ministry Organization
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 97; For 76; Against 13; Not Voting 8.
Calendar No. 1119, Defeated May 9, 1984, Journal Page 364.
The committee concurred with the substitute motion which deletes proposed ¶¶ 1323-1326 and retains ¶ 1401-1404 with the amendments in Report No. 124.

It also concurred to request the General Board of Discipleship and the National Youth Ministry Organization to jointly prepare legislation, re: the National Youth Ministry Organization and the General Board of Discipleship relationship to be brought to the 1988 General Conference.

Two additional annual conference coordinators shall be added during the preparation of such legislation.

Report No. 125 (Minority)

Petitions: Minority Report
Subject: National Youth Ministry Organization
Date: May 5, 1984
Calendar No. 1120, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 365.

We, adults and youth, who co-sponsor this minority report, believe it better addresses the need and provides the vehicle for establishing a proper working relationship between the National Youth Ministry Organization and the General Board of Discipleship.

The Discipleship legislative committee recommends that the 1984 General Conference establish a study committee that shall examine the purpose, structure, management, and future vision for the National Youth Ministry Organization, as well as its relationship to The General Board of Discipleship, and its plan for comprehensive youth ministry.

This committee shall be composed of fifteen (15) voting

members; the chairperson and vice chairperson of the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee; three (3) additional members selected by the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee; two (2) youth who have not served on the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee, but who have participated in a National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation (it is recommended that these youth be representative of annual conferences that have not had representation on the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee); two (2) General Board of Discipleship staff and three (3) members of the General Board of Discipleship, at least one of whom shall be a youth; two (2) annual conference coordinators of Youth Ministries or equivalent, to be selected by the General Board of Discipleship and the Executive Director of the National Youth Ministry Organization. Each board, agency and council that currently has representation on the NYMO steering committee (¶ 1402) may at their own expense send a representative to the study committee if they desire.

Of the 15 voting members there shall be at least one racial/ethnic minority from each of the five jurisdictions. Additional racial/ethnic minority youth shall be added as needed to ensure that all four racial/ethnic minority groups are represented by youth. These youth shall be selected upon recommendation from their respective caucuses. In addition, the General Council on Ministries shall be responsible for convening and chairing this committee and shall work with the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee and the General Board of Discipleship in establishing a process for the study.

Funding for this study shall not exceed $15,000 per year, to be shared equally by the National Youth Ministry Organization and the General Board of Discipleship, with the exception that the General Council on Ministries shall provide funding for its personnel and staff.

The final report and recommendation of this study committee shall be presented to the 1987 National Youth Ministry Convocation, the fall 1987 meeting of the General Board of Discipleship, and to the 1988 General Conference for its review and response.

Bruce D. Fisher, Charles F. Harper, William E. Lux, Donald D. Fenner, E. Ray Throckmorton, Ava Swofford, John P. Hanson, Gordon M. Brown, Don Ridenour, J. D. Varner, Joyce Dings, Donald Joiner, Nonie Bolinger, Kristin K. Knudson, Douglas Verdin, Scott Robert Hanson, P. B. Mather, George Olson, Frances Dickson, Abigail J. Cope.

Report No. 126

Petitions: DS1096
Subject: Creedal Statement in Worship Resources
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 96; For 79; Against 13; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 1121, No action taken.
Committee voted nonconcurrence on the inclusion of this creedal statement as an official component of the United Methodist Worship resources, and refers it to the Section on Worship of the General Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 127

Petitions: DS1339
Subject: Support of New Leadership
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 109; Present 82; For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 1122, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
The committee concurs and refers the petition to all United Methodist Church general boards, agencies, commissions, and institutions. The boards, agencies, commissions, and institutions are to seek out and involve qualified Blacks and other ethnic minority persons in leadership positions at the executive level; and in addition, the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Discipleship are encouraged to work with the ethnic caucuses in designing and implementing leadership training for the emerging minority leadership within the ranks of the church membership.

Report No. 128

Petitions: DS-AD1510
Subject: District Board of Church Location/Accessibility
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 109; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1123, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.
Committee voted nonconcurrence due to previous action.

COMMITTEE NO. 4
HIGHER EDUCATION

Theodore H. Walter, Chairperson; *Joan S. Hoover,* Vice-chairperson; Mai H. Gray, Secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 117-119.

Report No. 1

Petitions: HE1012
Subject: Aid National UM Native American Center
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 73; For 49; Against 19; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 1, No action taken.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 2

Petitions: HE1006
Subject: Permissive Status of Board of Higher Education and Ministry
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 81; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 2, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 498.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 3

Petitions: HE1028
Subject: Organization of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 87; Present 74; For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 43; Commission on Central Conference Affairs Report No. 31, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498, 521.
The committee voted concurrence with amending Par. 1607 and referral to the Commission on Central Conference Affairs.

Organization—The membership of this board shall be constituted in accordance with ¶ 805 of the general provisions **and with the addition of these Central Conference members (one of whom shall be a woman): one bishop or an alternate bishop (¶ 810.10), one clergy, and one layperson.** If vacancy occurs in the board, it shall be filled in accordance with ¶ 812.

Report No. 4

Petitions: HE1008
Subject: Responsibilities of Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry, ¶ 722

Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 72, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 498.
The committee concurred with the petition so that the first sentence of ¶ 722.5b)(7) be amended as follows:

To hold the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors responsible for the direction and administration of the foundation in accordance with the policies and standards established by the *conference committee or committees* **Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry** and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

The rest of ¶ 722.5b)(7) remains the same.

Report No. 5

Petitions: HE1001
Subject: Relationship Between General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and Conference, District and Local Church Board of Higher Education and Ministry
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 87; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 73, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 498.
The committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 722 as follows:
Amend present ¶ 722.1 as follows:

¶ 722.1. The Annual Conference shall provide for the connectional relationship between the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the conference, district, and local church and shall provide for higher education and ministry functions related to the objectives and scope of the work of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry as set forth in ¶ *1603* **1605.**

Present ¶¶ 722.2 through .4 remain the same.

Amend present ¶ 722.5 as follows:

a) General Responsibilities.—(1) **To interpret and promote the United Methodist ministries in higher education which are supported by the general church and those specifically related to the Annual Conference.**

Renumber present ¶ 722.5a)(1)-(3) as (2)-(4).

Delete present ¶ 722.5a)(4):

(4) To guard property and endowments entrusted to the institutions and to maintain and enforce trust and reversionary

clauses in accordance with the provisions of the Division of Higher Education under ¶ 1615.3.c).

Present ¶ 722.5.b)(1) remains the same.

Amend present ¶ 722.5b(4) as follows:

(4) To work with the Annual Conference Council on Ministries to **interpret and** promote **higher education ministries supported by** special days and funds: Black College Fund; Hispanic, Asian, **and** Native Americans *Fund* **(HANA) Educational Ministries;** *Ministerial Education Fund,* United Methodist Student Day; *Ministry Sunday;* World Communion Sunday; *Human Relations Day;* and other funds and special days **related to higher education,** ordered by the General Conference.

Amend present ¶ 722.5b(5) as follows:

(5) To *maintain adequate* **monitor** fiduciary and legal relationships with institutions and campus ministries and to assist Annual Conferences and other judicatories in their responsibilities in these matters.

Add new ¶ 722.5b)(6) as follows:

(6) To counsel institutions about property and endowments entrusted to the institutions and to maintain and enforce trust and reversionary clauses in accordance with the provisions of the Division of Higher Education under ¶ 1615.3.c).

Renumber present ¶ 722.5b(6) as new (7) and amend as follows:

(7) To confer at once in the event of an institutional change of status with appropriate representatives of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to determine what resources and aid the Board may be able to provide and *to permit* **enable** the Division of Higher Education to carry out its responsibilities under ¶ 1615.3. This is only in the event any educational institution, Wesley Foundation, or other campus ministry moves to sever or modify its connection with the Church or violate the rules adopted by the division in accordance with ¶ 1615.3.

Renumber present (7) as (8); content remains the same.

Renumber present (8) as (9) and amend as follows:

(9) To provide that two or more Annual Conferences may, on recommendation of their Boards of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, join in constituting an area or regional Committee or Commission on Higher Education and Campus

Ministry, the membership, scope, and functions of which shall be determined by the cooperating conferences, in consultation with their bishop or bishops, and shall include representatives of the Boards of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, with appropriate representation of **students and** ethnic *minorities* **minority persons.**

Report No. 6

Petitions: HE1031
Subject: Include Hawaii Loa College in the Three University-College Fund
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 81; For 20; Against 55; Not Voting 6.
Calendar No. 74, No action taken.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 7

Petitions: HE1002
Subject: Annual Conference Structure Itself For Effective Mission
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 75, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 498.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 8

Petitions: HE1029
Subject: Responsibilities of Division of Higher Education
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 76, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 498.
The committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1613 as amended.

¶ 1613. Responsibilities to General and Annual Conferences.—The Division of Higher Education will cooperate with and assist the General and Annual Conferences and their respective *commissions, committees, or other agencies* **boards and area commissions** organized in behalf of educational institutions and the campus ministry. (For Annual Conference committees see ¶ *721.2* 722).

Report No. 9

Petitions: HE1041

Subject: Responsibility of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Cooperation with General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 87; Present 73; For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 77, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.

The committee voted concurrence with amending ¶ 1606 by adding a new .8 as follows:

8. **To develop and maintain cooperative relationships with higher educational institutions, campus ministries, chaplains and related ministries, and diaconal ministries throughout the world in collaboration with the General Board of Global Ministries.**

Report No. 10

Petitions: HE1027

Subject: Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 87; Present 76; For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 78, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.

The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 11

Petitions: HE1026

Subject: Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 87; Present 76; For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 5.

Calendar No. 79, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 12

Petitions: HE1023, HE1232

Subject: Seminary Leadership Look at Faculty Balance

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 87; Present 71; For 65; Against 4; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 80, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.

The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 13

Petitions: HE1003
Subject: Black College Fund Changed to Minority Educational Fund, ¶ 0722
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 81, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 498.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 14

Petitions: HE1014, HE1036
Subject: Establish Seminary Review Board
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 72; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 82, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 498.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 15

Petitions: HE1034
Subject: University Senate Composition
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 76; For 60; Against 7; Not Voting 5.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 83, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence because of action in Report No. 21.

Report No. 16

Petitions: HE1039
Subject: Ministerial Education Fund
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 87; Present 71; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 120, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 498.
The committee voted concurrence with the following:
Insert new ¶ 1629.5 to read as follows:

5. To lead, in collaboration with other agencies, the churchwide interpretation and promotion of the Ministerial Education Fund.

Report No. 17

Petitions: HE1004
Subject: Continue HANA Fund, ¶ 722

Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 289, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 421.
The committee voted concurrence after amending the last sentence by changing the word "permanent" to "continuing."

Since its inception in 1976, the Hispanic, Asian, and Native American (HANA) Scholarship program has helped many hundreds of students further their education. They, in turn, used their wealth of knowledge to supplement the church and community. Now that government budgets have cut funds for college financial aid, the need is even greater for provisions of financial aid to help students. Like everything else, costs of education are sky-rocketing and a normal family cannot expect to support their children throughout their college career. If the influence of minorities is to increase in the future, then the HANA Scholarship program must continue.

We, therefore, petition the 1984 General Conference to continue funding for the HANA scholarship funding as a continuing program in the budget of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Report No. 18

Petitions: HE1032, HE-MN1740
Subject: Responsibility to College Students
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 87; Present 67; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 290, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 19

Petitions: HE1022
Subject: Seminary Curriculum to Include Training of Small Membership Church
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 65; For 57; Against 8; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 291, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 422.
The committee voted to refer this petition for study to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for report back to the 1988 General Conference. The text of the petition is as follows:

Subject: Inclusion of Training on the Small Membership Church as an Integral Part of the Seminary Curriculum.

Rationale: Since 64 percent of all United Methodist congregations are small membership churches having less than 200

members, and further, since four out of every 10 congregations have less than 100 members; and, further,

Since 80 percent of small membership churches are located in communities of less than 50,000 population, with one out of every four members living in rural communities which have 1,000 population or less;

It can be recognized that most United Methodist pastors will serve charges that include these types of churches and communities and that a need exists for a larger number of adequately trained and committed pastors to serve these congregations.

We, therefore, petition the General Conference to call upon all United Methodist-related seminaries to incorporate ministry to the town and country church and its community into the total curriculum of their seminary, including worship, preaching, church administration, Christian education, community studies, foundational ministries courses, etc., and wherever possible to establish a chair of town and country ministry. It is recommended that the University Senate of The United Methodist Church work with the seminaries in this regard.

Report No. 20

Petitions: HE1018

Subject: Investigate Boston University's use of UMC Funds

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 87; Present 70; For 51; Against 12; Not Voting 7. *Calendar No. 292, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 422.*

The committee amended the resolution by deletion and addition so that the recommended resolution reads:

Whereas, President John Silber of Boston University has stated that it will be that university's policy to go beyond the limits of the Solomon Amendment and deny all financial aid, federal or otherwise, to students who conscientiously refuse to cooperate with draft registration; and

Whereas, Boston University has an historical and institutional link with The United Methodist Church and receives funds from the church and its institutions;

Therefore, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church encourages Boston University President John Silber and the Trustees to respect those students who conscientiously refuse to cooperate with the draft registration and provide them equal access to scholarships to which they may be entitled.

Report No. 21

Petitions: HE1035

Subject: University Senate Composition

Date: (not reported)
Membership 87; Present 76; For 64; Against 7; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 293, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Page 295.
The committee recommends concurrence with amending ¶ 1616.2 in the 1980 *Book of Discipline* as follows:

¶ 1616.2. The Senate shall be composed of *twenty-one* **twenty-five** voting members who, **at the time of election,** are actively engaged in the work of education **through employment in an educational institution** and are fitted by training and experience for the technical work of evaluating educational institutions (*see ¶ 810 for additional general agency stipulations).* **Election is for the quadrennium, except in cases where conflict of interest arises as a result of change in employment.** Nine of these members shall be elected quadrennially by the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church, **seven of whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions, the other two holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or church relationships;** four by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, **two of whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related higher educational institutions, the other two holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or church relationships;** four by the General Conference, **two of whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions at the time of their election, the other two holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or church relationships; four by the Senate itself, without limitation other than the general provisions of this paragraph;** and four shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops, **two of whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions, the other two holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or church relationships.** *In addition, the senate itself may elect up to four nonvoting members at large.* Members elected by the General Conference shall be nominated and elected by the following procedure: Twelve persons shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops, **six of whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions, the other six holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or church relationships.** At the same daily session at which the above nominations are announced, additional nominations may be made from the floor but at no other time. From these nominations, the General Conference shall elect without discussion, by ballot and by plurality vote, the four persons to

serve on the Senate, **two from each of the two categories of nominees.** Should a vacancy occur in the members elected by General Conference in the interim prior to the next General Conference, the Council of Bishops shall appoint a replacement taken from the remaining nominees. The election process shall be repeated at each succeeding General Conference. Care should be taken that women, minorities, and representatives from the United Methodist-related black colleges and graduate theological seminaries shall be members of the senate. If a member (other than the four elected by the General Conference) retires from educational work, or for any other cause a vacancy occurs during the quadrennium, it shall be filled by the agency by which the retiring member was elected at its next meeting. The general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the associate general secretaries of the Divisions of Higher Education and of Ordained Ministry of that board shall serve as ex officio members of the Senate, **with voice, but without vote.** There shall be one staff representative, **with voice but** without vote, from the **General** Board of Global Ministries on the Senate, named by the general secretary of the **General** Board of Global Ministries.

This legislation will become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Report No. 22

Petitions: HE1020

Subject: The Use of Alcohol and Drugs on Campuses

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 87; Present 67; For 49; Against 15; Not Voting 3. *Calendar No. 294, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 423.*

The committee recommends concurrence with the petition as amended below:

Whereas, United Methodist colleges should provide an environment suitable for pursuing a higher education in a Christian atmosphere;

Therefore, be it resolved that The United Methodist Church addresses this issue by (1) promoting an alternative life style that encourages "wellness" without drugs and alcohol, (2) seeking authentic advocates for this alternative life style, and (3) having these advocates promote this image on United Methodist campuses across the nation.

Report No. 23

Petitions: HE1013

Subject: Enlistment, Training and Deployment of Hispanic Ministers

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 87; Present 65; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 295, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The committee recommends concurrence with the following petition with the addition of words at the end of the last paragraph, as follows:

Whereas, there is a rapid growth of the number of Hispanics within the national Hispanic community and there are growing numbers of new immigrants from Mexico, Central America and South America, and the Caribbean; and

Whereas, there is need for a critical response of the church for ministry through the development of new congregations and other ministries to this growing population; and

Whereas, there is a serious shortage of Hispanic and other leaders to address this growing need; and

Whereas, the Hispanic church will face the need to replace 60 percent of its ministers in the next few years because of retirement; and

Whereas, many annual conferences are attempting to develop new congregations and ministries and are searching for the necessary Hispanic leadership; and

Whereas, the Puerto Rico and the Rio Grande Annual Conferences have been supplying pastors for other regions and are being drained of their own leadership; and

Whereas, it takes great amounts of financial resources and time to train Hispanic ministers who are easily transferred to other annual conferences to meet their own conference needs;

Be It Resolved, that the 1984 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to assist and monitor the annual conferences in developing and implementing an aggressive, intentional program of recruitment, enlistment, training and deployment in consultation with ethnic and language conferences, caucuses, related general agencies and other church leaders during the 1985-1988 quadrennium.

Further, that the 1984 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide financial assistance for the recruitment and training of ethnic minority persons for ministry with special attention being given to the Puerto Rico and the Rio Grande Annual Conferences.

Further, that the 1984 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to develop guidelines and models of deployment across conference lines (see ¶ 527.2).

Report No. 24

Petitions: HE-MN1081
Subect: Recruit and Train Ethnic Minority Ministers
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 87; Present 50; For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 296, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence because ethnic minority recruitment for ministry is already being implemented by the Ethnic Minority Local Church committee of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Report No. 25

Petitions: HEMN1047, HEMN1735
Subject: Theological Training Center for Asian Americans
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 87; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 297, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence, with an expression of appreciation to those seminaries which are currently providing theological training for Asian Americans (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, page H-86).

Report No. 26

Petitions: HE1040
Subject: The Episcopal Address and the Laity Address
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 87; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 298, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The committee recommended concurrence, heard with appreciation the Episcopal and Laity Addresses and refer the addresses to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for study and further consideration.

Report No. 27

Petitions: HE1030
Subject: Changing Student Population
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 87; Present 63; For 60; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 299, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.
The committee refers the petition to the General Board of Higher

Education and Ministry and requests the petition be given the merit deemed worthy. The petition is as follows:

Recent dramatic shifts in student populations on college and university campuses present a new challenge to The United Methodist Church's ministry in higher education.

Although there are still large numbers of 18 to 22-year-olds among our student constituencies, the average student of the 1980's is likely to be several years older. More and more career changers are coming to campus to be trained for new vocations. Women are returning to school in ever-increasing numbers, bringing with them years of valuable experience. The appeal of life-long education is drawing a wide range of people.

In addition, ethnic and racial minority students make up an increasing portion of today's student body. The number of international students has increased.

Residential patterns have also changed. At many institutions, off-campus living is now the rule. These commuter students bring special needs and interests.

The church must find ways to respond to the new challenge of a changing student population. A vital ministry in higher education must direct energy in very special ways toward the increasing numbers of nontraditional students. This means innovation, experimentation, and a willingness to address their special needs.

Report No. 28

Petitions: HE1011

Subject: Report of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 87; Present 74; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 300, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.

The committee recommends concurrence and reviewed the report of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, pages I-49–I-51, with appreciation to the General Secretary, F. Thomas Trotter.

Report No. 29

Petitions: HE1024

Subject: Statement on Ordained and Nonordained Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 87; Present 64; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 301, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.

The committee voted nonconcurrence because theological statements on the general ministry and ordained ministry currently are recorded in the *Book of Discipline.*

Report No. 30

Petitions: HE1025
Subject: Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 87; Present 69; For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 302, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The committee concurs with ¶ 1605.3 as amended:

3. To provide counsel, guidance, and assistance to Annual Conferences through Boards of Ordained Ministry, Boards of Diaconal Ministry, *Committees on* **Boards of** Higher Education and Campus Ministry, and other such program units as may be organized in the Annual Conference.

Report No. 31

Petitions: HE1033
Subject: Investment
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 87; Present 67; For 63; Against 2; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 303, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.
The committee recommends concurrence with amending ¶ 1615.2d) by addition as follows:

d) In cooperation with the General Council on Finance and Administration, develop long-range investments and fund-raising projects within the Church which will guarantee, insofar as possible, the continuous flow of resources for United Methodist higher education for the decades and the centuries to come. **In developing such long-range investments, the division shall adhere to the specific investment guidelines adopted by the General Conference.**

Report No. 32

Petitions: HE1019
Subject: Native American Clergy/Leadership High Priority
Date:May 4, 1984
Membership 87; Present 65; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 304, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The committee recommends concurrence with petition as amended and recorded as follows:

Whereas, there is a growing Native American population which is shifting from reservation and rural to urban centers in the United States; and

Whereas, 50 percent of the Native Americans live in urban centers today with little being done by The United Methodist Church to address their physical and spiritual needs; and

Whereas, there is a need to respond to these critical needs; and

Whereas, there is a serious shortage of Native American pastors and their leaders to address this growing need; and

Whereas, many annual conferences are trying to create new ministries and are hampered by the lack of trained Native American leaders; and

Whereas, there is now a National Native American Center created late in 1983 to recruit, train, and deploy Native American leadership; and

Whereas, it will take great amounts of time and finances to train new Native American leadership;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 1984 General Conference mandate that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry intentionally design a plan for recruitment, training, and deployment of Native American clergy and other Native American leadership during the 1985-1988 quadrennium.

Further, that the 1984 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to develop and implement, in cooperation with the National United Methodist Native American Center, an intentional program of recruitment, enlistment, and training and deployment, in consultation with the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Native American International Caucus, related general agencies, and other church leaders during the 1985-1988 quadrennium.

Further, the 1984 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to develop a more appropriate system to deploy Native American leadership across annual conference boundaries which will allow for quick response to the critical needs and enable the creation of innovative ministries.

Further, that the 1984 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide adequate financial assistance for the recruitment and training of Native American persons for ministry with special attention being given to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and annual conferences with Native Americans.

Further, that the 1984 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to develop and

recruit Native American ministers for Native American urban centers.

Report No. 33

Petitions: HE1007

Subject: Responsibilities of Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 87; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 305, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.

The committee voted to amend ¶ 722.5(a)(3) to read:

To interact with public **higher** education as it reflects on the wholeness of persons and the meaning of life.

COMMITTEE NO. 5

ORDAINED AND DIACONAL MINISTRY

William K. Quick, Chairperson; Rosa Washington, Vice-chairperson; *Helmut Nausner*, Secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 119-121.

Report No. 1

Petitions: MN1044
Subject: Report of the Ministry Study Committee
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 112; Present 109; For 85; Against 22; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 15, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 269-274.
The committee had the Report of the Ministry Study Committee through the **General Board of Higher Education and Ministry** before it.

After short introductions given by E. Dale Dunlap and Janice Huie, the legislative committee entered into an intense discussion. After the discussion, the Report of the Ministry Study Committee received a vote of nonconcurrence.

Report No. 1 (Minority Report)

Petitions: MN1044
Subject: Ministry Study Report
Date: May 3, 1984
Calendar No. 16, No action taken because of action on committee report, Journal Pages 269-274.
The undersigned members of the committee recommend the adoption of the report of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, prepared in response to the instruction of the 1980 General Conference, with its recommendation for a holistic understanding and ordering of ministry with specific response to a permanent diaconate in The United Methodist Church including orders, function, annual conference membership, and itinerancy, specifically Section IV.

E. Dale Dunlap, Nelda Barrett, Jan Bond, Jimmy Carr, Terry L. Clark, David L. Crawford, Ted Dotts, Jean Marie Grabher, John E. Lux, June D. McCullough, Leroy W. Moore, Jose L. Palos, Roy Sano, Woodrow Seals, Lois C. Seifert, Denny M. Silk, Nancy Slaughter, Thomas Starnes, Janet Stephenson.

Report No. 2

Petitions: MN1526
Subject: Leave of Absence
Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 112; Present 104; For 103; Against 1; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 110, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 437.*

The committee recommends that ¶ 444 be revised as follows: Renumber ¶ 444 to become ¶ 450 and amend as follows:

(¶ 444) ¶ 450. Leave of Absence.—1. *This relationship is granted to ministers who are probationary, associate, and full members because of impaired health or for other equally sufficient reason when a minister is temporarily unwilling or unable to perform the full work of his/her appointment.* **This relationship is granted to ministers who are probationary, associate, and full members who because of impaired health, emotional and/or physical exhaustion, ineffectiveness or incompetence or other equally sufficient reason, are temporarily unwilling or unable to perform the duties of full-time itinerant ministry.** This relationship may be initiated by the minister or the Cabinet, **with or without the consent of the ministerial member** through the Board of Ordained Ministry, and granted or renewed by the vote of the ministerial members in full connection upon the board's recommendation. **The person in question has the right to a hearing before the bishop, Cabinet, and executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry prior to the granting of a leave of absence without the minister's consent.** Between sessions of the Annual Conference this relation may be granted or terminated with the approval of the bishop, district superintendents, and executive committee of the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. This interim action shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference at its next session. This relation shall be approved annually upon written request of the ministerial member **or the Cabinet with or without the consent of the ministerial member** at least ninety days prior to Annual Conference and shall not be granted for more than five years in succession except by a two-thirds vote of the ministerial members in full connection. This leave shall be counted as a part of the eight-year limit for probationary members unless the Board of Ordained Ministry recommends otherwise. After consultation with the pastor, ministers on leave of absence shall designate the Charge Conference in which they shall hold membership. The exercise of their ministry shall be limited to the Charge Conference in which their membership is held and under the supervision of the pastor in charge, to whom they shall report all marriages performed, Baptisms administered, and funerals conducted, and shall be held amenable for their conduct and the continuation of their ordination rights to the Annual Conference. Should they reside outside the bounds of the Annual Conference, they shall forward to it *annually a report*

similar to that required of a retired minister **a copy of the report made to the Charge Conference where they hold membership,** and, in case of failure to do so, the Annual Conference may locate them without their consent. They shall have no claim on the conference funds except by vote of the ministerial members in full connection. They shall be eligible for membership on conference committees, commissions, or boards, except the Board of Ordained Ministry **and the Board of Trustees (¶ 2510.1).** They shall not receive pension credit and shall not be eligible to receive pension payments while in this relation.

2. When a member requests an end to the leave of absence, **it shall be by written request at least six months prior to the session of Annual Conference.** *the* **The** Board of Ordained Ministry shall review the circumstances surrounding the granting of the relationship for the purpose of determining whether those circumstances have been alleviated.

3. *Ministerial members who do not request an extension of the leave of absence or do not indicate willingness to return to the itinerant ministry at the end of the five-year period may be terminated.* **When ministerial members do not request an extension of the leave of absence annually during the five-year period, or do not indicate willingness to return to the itinerant ministry at the end of the five-year period, the provisions of ¶ 449 shall be invoked.**

Report No. 3

Petitions: MN1568, MN1040, MN1525, MN1581, MN1582, MN1584, MN1585

Subject: Involuntary Termination

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 112; Present 104; For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 111, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 436.

The committee recommends that ¶ 455 (old 449) be revised as follows:

Substitute ¶ 455 for old ¶ 449:

¶ 455. Involuntary Termination.—1. General Provisions.—Ordination and membership in an Annual Conference in The United Methodist Church is a sacred trust. The qualifications and duties of associate members, probationary members, and full members are set forth in the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and we believe they flow from the gospel as taught by Jesus the Christ and proclaimed by his apostles. Whenever an ordained minister in any of the above categories violates this trust, the membership of his/her ministerial office shall be subject to review.

This review shall have as its purpose the reconciliation and restoration of the minister and the strengthening of the Church. If the remedial process is unfruitful, discontinuance or termination may follow.

a) Supervision.—In the course of the ordinary fulfillment of the superintending role, the bishop or district superintendent may receive or initiate grievances about the performance or character of a minister. A grievance is a written and signed statement claiming misconduct or unsatisfactory performance of ministerial duties. The supervisory response, in cooperation with the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee for pastors, the district Committee on Superintendency for district superintendents, or appropriate personnel committee, shall be directed toward a reconciliation between all parties and the ordained minister. If supervisory activity does not achieve the desired results, the district superintendent or the bishop may refer the matter as a complaint to the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry who shall forward it on to the Joint Review Committee.

b) Complaints.—A complaint must be based on incompetence, ineffectiveness or any one or more of the offenses listed in ¶ 2621 and shall be submitted in written form and signed by the District Superintendent. No complaint shall be considered for any misconduct or unsatisfactory performance which shall not have been committed within two years immediately preceding the filing of the grievance. The person filing the grievance and the minister shall be informed of the process for filing the grievance and the minister shall be informed of the process and its purpose. Complaints may be initiated by the bishop, a district superintendent, or the Cabinet. Complaints shall be lodged with the chairperson of the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, who shall forward the complaint to the Joint Review Committee and the minister against whom the complaint is lodged within ten days of receipt.

c) Joint Review Committee.—In each Annual Conference there shall be a Joint Review Committee composed of two district superintendents appointed annually by the bishop, two Board of Ordained Ministry members nominated by the chairperson and elected annually by the board and two non-Cabinet, non-Board members in full connection, one nominated by the bishop and Cabinet, one by the Board, and elected annually by the members in full connection in ministerial executive session. An alternate shall be provided in each of the three categories. The alternate who is not a member of the Cabinet or Board of Ordained Ministry shall be

nominated by the bishop and Cabinet. When a person serving on the Joint Review Committee is involved in or related to the complaint, the alternate shall serve. The committee shall elect its own officers.

This committee shall receive from the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry all complaints and seek resolution of them. The work of this committee shall be informal and confidential and shall guarantee that the person or persons lodging the complaint and the person against whom the complaint is lodged shall have the right to be heard. No witnesses will be called and no counsel shall be present. Should the ordained minister under complaint desire it, a clergyperson chosen by the minister may accompany him/her at meetings of the committee. If resolution of the matter is not achieved, the Joint Review Committee shall refer the complaint with any recommendations to the Board of Ordained Ministry.

d) Disposition of Complaints.—When a complaint has been received from the Joint Review Committee, the Board of Ordained Ministry shall develop a response based on the report of the Joint Review Committee and the needs of the church and the minister. The Board of Ordained Ministry may recommend remedial action, discontinuance, leave of absence, administrative location, termination, or it may dismiss the complaint. In rare instances, the Board may refer the matter to the Committee on Investigation for possible trial. The board's recommendation will be shared with the minister, the bishop, the Cabinet, and the complainant.

e) Remedial Action.—In cooperation with the Cabinet and in consultation with the minister, the Board of Ordained Ministry may choose or recommend one or more of the following options for a program of remedial action, subject to regular oversight by the board and annual review.

(1) Program of continuing education (¶ 441)
(2) Leave of absence (¶ 444)
(3) Early retirement (¶ 447.2)
(4) Sabbatical leave (¶ 442)
(5) Honorable location (¶ 448.1)
(6) Surrender of ministerial office (¶ 448.4)
(7) Personal counseling or therapy
(8) Program of career evaluation
(9) Peer support and supervision
(10) Private reprimand: A letter signed by the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the minister's district superintendent, addressed to the minister with a file copy in

the permanent file of the Board of Ordained Ministry stating the appropriateness of the complaint, the specific remedial action required, and the conditions under which the letter shall be withdrawn from the file and destroyed.

f) Recommendation to Terminate Membership.—The Board of Ordained Ministry shall recommend the discontinuance of a probationary member in keeping with the provisions of ¶ 448.1. The Board's recommendation to terminate the membership of an associate member or member in full connection must be based on any one or more of the offenses listed in ¶ 2621. The Board shall notify the minister, the bishop and district superintendent of the recommendation and shall forward the recommendation to the ministerial executive session of the Annual Conference. The notice to the minister shall also inform the minister of his/her right to elect trial (¶ 449.3) or withdraw under complaints (¶ 448.5). The recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be acted upon by the ministerial executive session unless the minister shall choose withdrawal or trial. Such choice by the minister must be made and notification of the choice sent to the bishop and the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry within ten days following receipt of notice of the Board's recommendation.

If a full member or associate member chooses trial, the Board of Ordained Ministry shall submit the formal complaint and other appropriate material to the Committee on Investigation.

2. Recommendation to Administrative Location.—a) Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Annual Conference may grant members certificates of administrative location when, in the judgment of the Annual Conference, members have demonstrated an inability effectively and competently to perform the duties of itinerant ministry; provided that the Annual Conference shall have first examined their character and found them in good standing.

b) The Board of Ordained Ministry shall notify the minister, bishop and district superintendent of the recommendation to administrative location at least sixty (60) days before the opening of the next Annual Conference. The recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be acted upon by the ministerial executive session.

c) The provisions of ¶ 448.2b above apply to administrative location, except that a person on administrative location may not be given ad interim appointments by the bishop.

3. By Trial.—If a bishop or ministerial member of an

Annual Conference chooses trial, the procedures are provided for in ¶ 2624.

(Editor's note: ¶ 455.2b) was further amended by action on Report No. 29; see pages 1248-1249.)

Report No. 4

Petitions: MN1243

Subject: Authority of a Licensed Pastor

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 105; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 321, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.

The committee recommends that ¶ 407 be revised as follows:

Delete ¶ 407:

¶ 407. Authority of a Licensed Person.—The license as a local pastor is given only for the purpose of the practice of ministry while one is in preparation for conference membership and ordination. After the requirements of ¶ 406 are met, the district Committee on Ordained Ministry shall certify the completion of the prescribed studies to the candidates and the district superintendent and they shall be listed in the journal as eligible to be appointed as local pastors. Award of the license shall not be made until an appointment to a pastoral charge is made in accordance with ¶ 436. Authority granted by the license extends only within the appointment, under specific supervision of a counseling elder and subject to annual renewal by the district committee.

Substitute new ¶ 407:

¶ 407. License as a Local Pastor. All persons not ordained as deacons or elders who preach and conduct divine worship and perform the duties of a pastor under pastoral appointment shall have a license as a local pastor. The district Committee on Ordained Ministry may authorize the licensing of those persons who have:

1. Completed the conditions for candidacy certification in ¶ 404;

2. Completed the studies for the license as a local pastor as prescribed and supervised by the Division of Ordained Ministry, or one-half of their work for a Master of Divinity degree at a school of theology listed by the University Senate;

3. Been examined by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry; and

4. If they are applying for license as a full-time local pastor, appeared before the Board of Ordained Ministry and provided the board with a satisfactory certificate of good health on a

prescribed form from a physician approved by that board if they are to be participants in the Comprehensive Protection Plan. The conference may require psychological and/or psychiatric tests and evaluations to provide additional information to qualify for such coverage.

Report No. 5

Petitions: MN1721
Subject: Board of Diaconal Ministry of an Annual Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 322, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.
The committee recommends that ¶ 724 be revised as follows:
To revise ¶ 724.1a) add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph:

a) The board shall be directly responsible to the Annual Conference, notwithstanding its organizational relationship with any other program or administrative unit of the Annual Conference. **Administrative costs of the board shall be a direct claim on the conference operating budget.**

Revise ¶ 724.1b) by adding and deleting the following words:

b) The board shall be nominated by the presiding bishop after consultation with the *chairperson* **executive committee** of the board of the previous quadrennium. *or with a committee of the board, and with the Cabinet.* **The bishop may designate a member of the cabinet to serve as a member of the board.**

Delete ¶ 724.3u) which reads as follow:

u) To cooperate with the Board of Ordained Ministry when the Ministerial Education Fund is used by the Annual Conference in its program of continuing education for diaconal ministers. (See ¶ 920.1.)

In place of ¶ 724.3u), insert a new paragraph as follows:

u) To confer with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry concerning the use of Ministerial Education funds for enlistment, basic professional educational aid, continuing education, and professional growth of diaconal ministers.

Revise ¶ 724.4a)—724.4d) by adding and deleting the following words:

a) To determine **in consultation with the Division of Diaconal Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education**

and Ministry whether applicants meet the standards of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for **professional** certification in education, evangelism, music, and *others* **other areas** that may be assigned.

b) To recommend to the Annual Conference *for certification those* **persons** who have met the standards and **have been mutually approved by the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry and the Division of Diaconal Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry** for **professional certification in** education, evangelism, music, and other areas that may be assigned; and to report the action of the Annual Conference to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

c) To keep a record of all persons in the Annual Conference who have been certified in professional careers.

d) To renew or discontinue professional certification based on an annual review and evaluation of all persons who have been certified in *professional careers* **education, music or other areas that may be assigned.**

Report No. 6

Petitions: MN1043, MN1053, MN1058-1061, MN1078, MN1087, MN1196-1199, LC1005

Subject: Establishment of a Commission for the Study of Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 105; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 323, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 305-307; Referred to General Council on Finance and Administration; for final action on this report see General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 21 page 578.

The committee concurred with the following report:

A Commission for the Study of Ministry shall be established to conduct a broad and comprehensive study of the church's historic and contemporary theological understanding of ministry with specific emphasis on the meaning of ordination, the relation of ordination to the sacraments, the meaning of itineracy, and the nature of conference membership. It shall study the effectiveness of the church's present structure of ministry, consider the possibility of a permanent order of deacon, and recommend to the General Conference any necessary restructuring for effective ministry. It shall give appropriate consideration to all previous studies of ministry since 1968.

The Commission for the Study of Ministry is to be representative of the whole church. It is to be composed of five bishops, five

faculty members from United Methodist seminaries, at least one representative appointed through the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, five ordained clergy currently serving in local churches or as district superintendents, five diaconal ministers currently fully employed as such, and 10 laypersons not employed in church or church-related positions. At least three of those chosen shall be from outside the continental United States. The membership of the commission shall be composed of United Methodists in all of the above categories. It shall include fair and adequate representation of the church geographically, ethnically, and shall include both female and male.

The commission shall be named by the Council of Bishops. It shall consult with the representatives of the Division of Ordained Ministry and Division of Diaconal Ministry. It shall be empowered to receive petitions, hold jurisdictional hearings, and to review all current proposals concerning the reordering of ministry. The Council of Bishops will request necessary staff support for the commission from the appropriate agencies of the church. The commission shall issue periodic reports to the Council of Bishops for dissemination, study, and input by the churches. It shall report through the Council of Bishops to the General Conference not later than six months before the convening of the General Conference of 1988. The Council of Bishops will publish and distribute the report of the commission, together with comments and recommendations. The form of enactment for any legislation by the report will be done through the normal legislative channels of the church.

The president of the Council of Bishops shall convene the commission no later than December 1, 1984.

Report No. 7

Petitions: MN1240

Subject: Qualifications for Continuance of Candidacy

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 93; For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 324, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.

The committee recommends that ¶ 405 be revised as follows:

Delete and amend in ¶ 405 as follows:

¶ 405. Continuation of Candidacy.—The progress of candidates must be reviewed and candidacy renewed annually. Candidacy may be renewed by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry *(¶ 757)* (¶ 739) on recommendation of the Charge Conference and on evidence that the candidate's gifts, graces, and fruits continue

to be satisfactory and that the candidate is making satisfactory progress in the required studies.

Amend 405.1 as follows:

1. A candidate preparing to become a probationary member who is enrolled as a *pretheological or theological* student in a school, college, university, or school of theology listed by the University Senate *or approved by a regional or state accrediting agency* shall present annually to the district Committee on Ordained Ministry a *statement of academic progress* **official transcript** from the school the person is attending. *This statement shall take the place of any formal examination, providing academic progress and character are satisfactory.* **The official transcript shall be considered by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry along with other evidence that the candidate's gifts, graces, and fruits continue to be satisfactory. An annual personal interview with the candidate is recommended.**

(Move footnote for Judicial Council Decision 412 from ¶ 405.3 to ¶ 410.4.)

Amend ¶ 405.3 as follows:

3. When candidacy has lapsed, it may be reinstated at the discretion of the district Committee on Ordained Ministry., *only when the candidate has completed satisfactorily the current candidacy studies.*

Add new ¶ 405.4 as follows:

4. A person who is a certified candidate or who is in the candidacy process may have his or her status or studies accepted by another district committee in the same or another Annual Conference.

Report No. 8

Petitions: MN1244

Subject: Qualifications for Candidacy for Ordained Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 325, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.

The committee recommends that ¶ 404 be revised as follows:

Substitute new ¶ 404:

¶ 404. Candidacy for ordained ministry through a process prescribed by the Division of Ordained Ministry is the first set of formal steps through which a person moves toward ordination and annual conference membership.

1. The Inquiring Candidate.—Upon hearing a call to

ministry the candidate should read the vocational guide "The Christian as Minister." This book should be discussed in consultation with the candidate's pastor or another United Methodist minister.

b) If the candidate wishes to explore the call to ministry in depth prior to a public declaration in the local church as outlined in .2 below, he or she may write the district superintendent, be assigned a supervising pastor, and enroll in candidacy studies as outlined in .3 below. No candidate choosing this option shall be certified as a candidate until all the requirements of .2 and .3 below have been met.

2. The Declared Candidate.—Those seeking to become certified candidates for ordained ministry shall: (a) consult with the pastor and Pastor-Parish Relations Committee after formulating a written statement reflecting their call to ordained ministry and requesting recommendation for certification. The committee shall interview the candidate reflecting his/her statement and Wesley's historic questions in ¶ 403; and (b) be recommended by the Charge Conference in accordance with the following method: a meeting for the purpose of recommending a candidate for the ministry must be preceded by at least two public announcements and must be held in the presence of the bishop, district superintendent, or an authorized elder, who shall counsel with those present regarding the ability and qualifications of the applicant and make plain the importance of such recommendation to the ordained ministry; to be valid such a recommendation must be (i) voted by written ballot by two-thirds of the Charge Conference present at this meeting; and (ii) the candidate must have been a member or affiliate member of the congregation for one year, provided that in the case of an affiliate member there has been consultation with and approval by the Charge Conference of the home church; and (iii) have been graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency.

3. The Exploring Candidate.—Declared candidates and those seeking to explore candidacy for ordained ministry under the provisions of .1b) above shall: (a) apply to the district superintendent in writing for admission to candidacy studies as defined by the Division of Ordained Ministry, and (b) be assigned as an exploring candidate to a supervising pastor by the district committee and complete appropriate candidacy studies after proper registration through the annual conference candidacy registrar and the Division of Ordained Ministry.

4. The Certified Candidate.—Candidates who have completed the requirements of .2 and .3 above and desire to be certified as candidates for ordained ministry shall: (a) appear before the District Committee on Ordained Ministry for examination, (b) make themselves available for any psychological and aptitude tests it may require, (c) provide and supply evidence of understanding the expectations and obligations of the itinerant system, (d) provide and supply such other information as it may require for determining their gifts, graces, fruits, and demonstration of the call, and (e) agree for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness of the gospel, and in consideration of their influence as ministers, to make a complete dedication of themselves to the highest ideals of the Christian life as set forth in ¶¶ 67-76 and to this end agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God.

Report No. 9

Petitions: MN1731

Subject: Responsibilities of the District Committee of Ordained Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 101; For 2; Against 99; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 326, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 498.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 10

Petitions: MN1730

Subject: Composition of District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 101; For 100; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 327, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 498.

In the *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 739.1, after "in the district," insert: **including women and ethnic clergy wherever possible.** ¶ 739.1 would read:

It shall be composed of a representative from the Board of Ordained Ministry, named by the board after consultation with the district superintendent, and who may be named chairperson; the district superintendent, who may serve as the executive

secretary; and at least five other ministers in full connection in the district, **including women and ethnic clergy wherever possible,** nominated annually by the district superintendent in consultation with the chairperson or executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry and approved by the Annual Conference. Interim vacancies may be filled by the district superintendent.

Report No. 11

Petitions: MN1746
Subject: Responsibilities of Division of Ordained Ministry
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 328, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 435.
The committee recommends that Par. 1629 be revised as follows:
Amend ¶ 1629.2 as follows:

2. To prescribe the ministerial course of study, which shall include studies required for license *to preach* **as local pastor** and the basic five-year course of study. It also shall provide advanced course of study for preachers who have finished the above courses and meet the requirements of ¶ 424.3. All work in the ministerial course of study for candidates for elder in full connection (¶¶ 422-427), renewal of licenses (¶ 405), associate member (¶ 420), probationary member (¶ 415), and local pastors qualifying for appointment (¶¶ 408-409), shall be taken under the direction of the Division of Ordained Ministry in an approved course of study school. The division shall cooperate with the Boards of Ordained Ministry and other conference boards in organizing, financing, and conducting course of study schools. (For exceptional provisions for taking the ministerial course of study by correspondence, see ¶ 409.1.)

Add new ¶ 1629.4, .5, and .6 and renumber:

4. To provide resources to the District Committee on Superintendency and to the annual conference Cabinet in the fulfillment of their work.

5. To provide jointly with the General Council on Ministries and the Council of Bishops the training of district superintendents.

6. To lead the churchwide interpretation and promotion of the Ministerial Education Fund.

Renumber ¶ 1629.8 to become 1629.11 and amend as follows:

*8.*11. To certify the course offerings in non-United Methodist seminaries for meeting the requirements in United Methodist

history, doctrine, and polity specified in ¶ 424.3 and provide Boards of Ordained Ministry with a list of the courses approved. **The Division will also monitor the implementation of ¶ 1631.**

Report No. 12

Petitions: MN1271, MN1295, MN1282, MN1298, MN1302, MN1306, MN1272, MN1276

Subject: Qualifications for Probationary Membership

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 506, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 498.

The committee votes nonconcurrence due to material covered elsewhere.

Report No. 13

Petitions: MN1301, MN1309-1313, MN1316-1320, MN1324, MN1325, MN1327, MN1328, MN1322

Subject: Associate Membership

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 71; For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 3.

(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)

Calendar No. 507, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 14

Petitions: MN1707, MN1708, MN1711

Subject: Composition of the Board of Ordained Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 93; For 55; Against 37; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 508, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 435.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 15

Petitions: MN1739

Subject: Responsibilities of Division of Ordained Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 509, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 498.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 16

Petitions: MN1122, MN1123, MN1192, MN1194, MN1196,

MN1197, MN1201, MN1205, MN1206, MN1208, MN1210, MN1214-1216, CS1212

Subject: Standards for Ordination

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 102; For 79; Against 22; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 510, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 337 .

The committee voted concurrence, and recommends the following passages as amended:

In the Book of Discipline, ¶ 402, renumber the existing paragraph as ¶ 402.1.

Add the following as ¶ 402.2: **While such persons set apart by the church for the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Order are subject to all the frailties of the human condition and pressures of society, they are required to maintain the highest standards represented by the practice of fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness. Since the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be accepted as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church.**

Amend footnote to ¶ 404 as follows:

All candidates agree to make a complete dedication of themselves to the highest ideals of the Christian life, and to this end agree "to exercise responsible self-control, by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, **fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness,** social responsibility and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God" (¶ 404).

Amend ¶ 414 by adding to ¶ 414.7c(2) as follows:

2) For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of your influence as a minister, are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end will you agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, **fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness,** social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God?

Renumber ¶ 420 to become ¶ 419 and amend as follows:

¶ *420* ¶ **419.** Requirements for Election as Associate Members.—Candidates may be elected to associate membership by vote of the ministerial members in full connection, upon

recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, when they have met the following conditions. They shall have: (1) reached age thirty-five; (2) served four years as full-time local pastors; (3) completed the five-year ministerial course of study in addition to the studies for license as a local pastor, no more than one year of which may be taken by correspondence; (4) completed a minimum of sixty semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence **through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate;** (5) been recommended by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry; (6) declared their willingness to accept continuing full-time appointment; (7) satisfied the board regarding their physical, mental, and emotional health (the Annual Conference may require psychological tests to provide additional information on the candidate's fitness for the ministry); (8) **for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a minister, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God;** and *(8)*(9) prepared at least one written sermon on a biblical passage specified by the Board of Ordained Ministry and given satisfactory answers in a written doctrinal examination administered by the Board of Ordained Ministry. (Consideration shall be given to the questions listed in ¶ 425.)

Add as ¶ 423.6(g) the following and renumber the remaining letters:

(g) **For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of your influence as a minister, are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end will you agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God?**

Renumber ¶ 431 to become ¶ 430 and amend .6 as follows:

6. Be willing to make a complete dedication of themselves to the highest ideals of the Christian life and agree to exercise responsible self-control in their personal habits.

¶ *431.6* **6. For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a minister, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God.**

Report No. 16 (Minority Report A)

Petitions: MN1122, MN1123, MN1192, MN1194, MN1196, MN1197, MN1201, MN1205, MN1206, MN1208, MN1210, MN1214-1218, CS1212, MN1244, MN1266, MN1314, MN1371, MN1404

Subject: Substitute Motion to "Fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness"

Calendar No. 511, Defeated May 9, 1984, Journal Page 338.

We would move to substitute the phrase, "Faithfulness and constancy in all relationships" for "Fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" in ¶¶404.5; 414.2; 419.8; 423.6; and 431.6.

William Walker, Caroline B. Edge, Wanda Hayes Eichler, Robert S. Phelps, Edward T. Iwamoto, William G. Trudeau, Leroy W. Moore, Roy I. Sano, Denny M. Silk, E. Dale Dunlap, William Walker, Deanna M. Bleyle, Jean Marie Grabher, Janet Stephenson, Perry H. Saito, Frances Alguire, Lois C. Seifert, Tom Starnes, John E. Lux, Jan Bond, H. Thomas Walker.

Report No. 16 (Minority Report B)

Petitions: MN1122, MN1123, MN1192, MN1194, MN1196, MN1197, MN1201, MN1205, MN1206, MN1208, MN1210, MN1214-1218, CS1212, MN1244, MN1266, MN1314, MN1371, MN1404

Subject: Moral Standards for the Ministry

Date: May 3, 1984

Calendar No. 512, Defeated May 9, 1984 (See following note), Journal pages 339-340, 343-345.

(The substance of this report was approved and is incorporated in Report No. 16.)

David A. Seamands, Paul M. Gauntt, Jimmy Carr, William W. Morris, Bessie B. Givhan, Lester Spencer, William R. Key,

Charles E. Ramsey, John F. Walker, Gerald L. Downie, Don L. Forsman, Norman W. Parsons, William C. Brannon.

Report No. 17

Petitions: MN0413, MN1016, MN1063, MN1069, MN1075, MN1076, MN1077, MN1079, MN1103-1121, MN1124, MN1126, MN1131, MN1133-1142, MN1145-1155, MN1157-1165, MN1168, MN1170-1191, MN1193, MN1195, MN1198, MN1199, MN1200, MN1202, MN1207, MN1209, MN1211, MN1212, MN1213, MN1217-1220, MN1222-1239, MN1242, FA1147, CS1203, CS1204, CS1227, CS1238, CS1239, CS1204, CS1227, CS1238, CS1239, CS1242, CS1244, CS1245, CS1247, CS1248, CS1250, CS1252-1259, CS1261-1265, CS1267, CS1268, CS1269, CS1271, CS1275, CS1276, CS1278, CS1280-1286, CS1289-1294, CS1297-1307, CS1309, CS1310, CS1311, CS1313, CS1315, CS1316, CS1319, CS1321, CS1322, CS1324-1338, CS1436, AD1045, AD1046, AD1047, AD1048, AD1052, AD1055, AD1060, AD1066, MN1256, MN1258, MN1260, MN1261, MN1259, MN1263, MN1264, MN1265, MN1267, MN1268, MN1269, MN1270, MN1273, MN1275, MN1277, MN1278, MN1279, MN1280, MN1283-1293, MN1331-1362, MN1405, MN1406, MN1407, MN1408, MN1427, MN1428, MN1405-1431, MN1433, MN1130, MN1132, MN1166, MN1167, MN1169, AD1069

Subject: Moral Qualifications for Ordination

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 513, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 498.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on the above petitions and adopted the basic qualification to be "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" as found in Report No. 16.

Report No. 18

Petitions: MN1531, MN1530, MN1528, MN1527, MN1529

Subject: Leave of Absence

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 514, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 498.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 19

Petitions: MN1456, MN1555, MN1454, MN1453, MN1044, MN1083, MN1088, MN1089, MN1090, MN1091, MN1092,

MN1067, MN1068, MN1069, MN1323, MN1056, CM1061, CM1062

Subject: Ministry Study

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 97; For 91; Against 5; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 515, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 20

Petitions: MN1050, MN1241, MN1243, MN1246, MN1248, MN1073, MN1080, MN1082, MN1086, MN1100, MN1249-1253

Subject: Requirements for the License of Local Preacher

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 103; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1105, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.

The committee voted concurrence on ¶ 406 and ¶ 409 as follows:

Substitute new ¶ 406:

Local Pastor

¶ 406. Authority and Duties.—1. A local pastor is a person licensed by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry to perform all the duties of a pastor (¶ 438.2) including the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as well as the service of marriage (where state laws allow), burial, confirmation, and membership reception, while assigned to a particular charge.

2. Such authorization granted by the license may be renewed annually by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry and extends only within the charge to which the local pastor is appointed.

3. The license shall remain valid only so long as the appointment continues and must be recertified by the bishop when assignments change between sessions of the Annual Conference.

4. A local pastor shall be under the supervision of a district superintendent and a counseling elder who shall supervise the local pastor's work in the ministerial course of study and give counsel on matters of pastoral responsibility (¶ 411).

5. Local pastors shall be amenable to the Annual Conference in the performance of their pastoral duties and shall attend the sessions of the Annual Conference.

6. The church membership of full-time and part-time local pastors (¶ 409.1 and .2) shall be in the charge to which they are

appointed, and they shall be members of the Charge Conference subject to the annual authorization of the Annual Conference.

7. Student local pastors (new ¶ 408.3) may retain their membership in their home church and Charge Conference, but in the discharge of their ministerial functions they shall be amenable to the district superintendent under whom they serve.

Substitute new ¶ 409:

¶ 409. Continuance as a Local Pastor.—1. Persons licensed as local pastors shall continue in the course of study, in college, or in seminary as outlined in ¶ 408 until they have completed the educational requirements for associate or probationary membership.

2. Upon completing each year's education and other qualifications, a local pastor may be recommended for continuance by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry. The ministerial members in full connection of the Annual Conference may approve continuance of a local pastor after reference to and recommendation by its Board of Ordained Ministry.

3. A full-time local pastor shall complete the educational requirements within eight years and a part-time local pastor within ten unless a family situation or other circumstance precludes the local pastor's opportunity to meet said requirements. The local pastor may be granted an annual extension beyond the prescribed limit upon a three-fourths vote of the district Committee on Ordained Ministry, recommendation by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and the vote of the ministerial members in full connection.

4. A local pastor may choose to remain in a local relationship with the Annual Conference upon having completed a minimum of 60 semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate, or competency equivalence through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate, and the five-year ministerial course of study.

5. An Annual Conference may permit a local pastor to move from associate to full conference membership under the exceptional promise provisions of ¶¶ 416 and 426.

6. None of the provisions in this legislation shall be interpreted to change or limit authorizations to local pastors ordained as deacon and elder prior to 1976 or enrolled in the

second year of the ministerial course of study prior to January 1, 1977.

Report No. 21

Petitions: MN1245, MN1247

Subject: Requirements for a Local Pastor

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 95; For 93; Against 2; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1106, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 472.*

The committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 408 as revised: Substitute new ¶ 408:

¶ 408. Categories of Local Pastor. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of (new) ¶ 407, the district Committee on Ordained Ministry shall certify the completion of the prescribed studies to the candidates and the Board of Ordained Ministry, and they shall be listed in the journal as eligible to be appointed as local pastors. Award of the license shall not be made until an appointment to a pastoral charge is made in accordance with ¶ 436. In recommending to the Annual Conference those who have met the requirements to serve as local pastors for the ensuing year, the Board of Ordained Ministry shall classify them in three categories with educational and other requirements of their category. Any person who fails to meet these requirements shall be discontinued as a local pastor. The categories shall be defined as follows:

1. Full-time Local Pastors. Those eligible to be appointed full-time local pastors are lay persons (a) who have met the provisions for the license as a local pastor (new ¶ 407); (b) who may devote their entire time to the church in the charge to which they are appointed and its outreach in ministry and mission to the community; (c) who receive in cash support per annum from all church sources a sum equivalent to not less than the minimum salary established by the Annual Conference for full-time local pastors; (d) who, unless they have completed the ministerial course of study, shall complete one full year of work per year in a course of study school under the Division of Ordained Ministry (¶ 1629.2); provided, however, that in a case of emergency or unusual circumstances, on approval by the board, they may be authorized to pursue not more than one year of studies by correspondence; (e) who, when they have completed educational requirements for associate membership, are involved in continuing education (¶ 441).

2. Part-time Local Pastors. Those eligible to be appointed as part-time local pastors are lay persons (a) who have met the provisions of (new) ¶ 407; (b) who do not devote their entire time to the charge to which they are appointed; or (c) do not receive in cash support per annum from all church sources a sum equivalent to the minimum salary established by the Annual Conference for full-time local pastors; and (d) who, unless they have completed the ministerial course of study, shall complete a minimum of one-half a year's work in the ministerial course of study, provided, however, that in a case of emergency or unusual circumstances, on approval by the board, they may be authorized to pursue the course for the current year by correspondence.

3. Student Local Pastors. Those eligible to be appointed as student local pastors shall be enrolled as pre-theological or theological students in a college, university, or school of theology listed by the University Senate (a) who have met the provisions of (new) ¶ 407; and (b) who shall make appropriate progress in their educational program as determined by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

4. Upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the ministerial members in full connection may vote approval annually for students of other denominations enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate to serve as local pastors for the ensuing year under the direction of the district superintendent; provided that they shall indicate to the satisfaction of the Board of Ordained Ministry their agreement to support and maintain the doctrine and polity of The United Methodist Church while under appointment.

5. Full-time local pastors may serve on any board, commission, or committee except the Board of Ordained Ministry. They shall not be eligible for election as delegates to the General, Jurisdictional, or Central Conference.

Report No. 22

Petitions: MN1045, MN1046, MN1055, MN1102, MN1127, MN1128, MN1129, MN1162, MN1300, MN1303, MN1304

Subject: Admission and Continuance of Probationary Membership

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1107, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.

The committee considered the proposals on probationary mem-

bership in the annual conference (¶¶413, 415, 416, 417, and 418) and concurred with the revisions as follows:
Amend ¶ 413 by moving ¶ 418.5 and renumber to become ¶ 413.5 and ¶ 418.6 to become ¶ 413.6. Amend ¶ 415 by amending (1) as follows and by moving ¶ 418.1 and renumbering as ¶ 415(3) and ¶ 418.8 to become ¶ 415(4):

¶ 415. Educational Requirements.—A candidate for probationary membership must (1) have been graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in liberal education or equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence *as certified by the University Senate,* **through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate,** *and* (2) have completed at least one half of the work required for a Master of Divinity or equivalent first professional degree in a school of theology listed by the University Senate except under the special conditions of ¶ 417; (3) an Annual Conference may designate a Master of Divinity or equivalent first professional degree from a school of theology listed by the University Senate as the minimum educational requirement for probationary membership, and (4) the educational standards and other requirements for admission and ordination shall be set by the Central and Provisional Central Conferences for the Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences within their territories, and outside such territories by the Annual or Provisional Annual Conference itself.

Amend present ¶¶ 416.1 and 416.2 as follows:

¶ 416. Special Conditions: Exceptional Promise.—Under special conditions an Annual Conference may, by a three-fourths majority vote of the ministerial members in full connection, present and voting, admit to probationary membership a candidate who exhibits exceptional promise for the ministry in the following cases:

1. If the candidate is a graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in liberal education from a college not listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence *as certified by the Division of Ordained Ministry* **through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate,** who has completed one half of the work required for the Master of Divinity or equivalent first professional degree in a school of theology listed by the University Senate.

2. If the candidate has (a) reached thirty-five years age; (b) served as an associate member for a minimum of two years under full-time appointment; (c) completed a Bachelor of Arts or its equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the

University Senate or competency equivalence as *certified by the University Senate;* **determined by an external degree program at a school, college, or university approved by the University Senate** (exceptions may be made in rare instances for persons from ethnic minority groups where special ministries and their culture often require gifts and graces not encompassed in formal education and in consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry); (d) completed two years of advanced study prescribed by the Division of Ordained Ministry *beyond the five-year ministerial course of study required for admission to associate membership, in cooperation with the United Methodist theological schools* **through an advanced course of study at a school or theological school approved by the University Senate;** and (e) been recommended by a three-fourths vote of the Cabinet and a three-fourths vote of the Board of Ordained Ministry, written statements of such recommendations having been read to the conference before the vote is taken, setting forth the particular ways the candidate's ministry is exceptional and the special reasons this person should be received into probationary membership.

Amend ¶ 417 by adding new material as ¶ 417(3) and (4), and by moving ¶ 418.4 and renumbering as ¶ 417(5):

¶ 417. Continuation in Probationary Membership.—To be continued as probationary members, candidates shall make regular progress in their ministerial studies. In case of failure or delay, the Board of Ordained Ministry shall investigate the circumstances and judge whether to extend the time within the following limits: (1) for completing the theological course for the Master of Divinity or equivalent first professional degree, a total of eight years; (2) for completing the advanced studies in the ministerial course of study, a total of four years. In a case clearly recognized as exceptional the board, by a three-fourths vote, may recommend an extension beyond these limits, which may be approved by a three-fourths vote of the ministerial members in full connection, present and voting; provided, however, that no candidates shall be continued on probation beyond the eighth regular conference session following their admission to probationary membership; (3) **each probationary member shall have an elder in full connection assigned by the Board of Ordained Ministry as counselor during the period of probation. The counselor is to advise and counsel the probationer in light of the expectations for United Methodist ministry reflected in ¶¶ 424-425; (4) probationary members in appointments beyond the local church shall relate themselves to the district**

superintendent in the area where their work is done. The district superintendent shall give them supervision and report annually to their Board of Ordained Ministry, and (5) whenever probationary members find it necessary to discontinue their theological education, the Board of Ordained Ministry shall review their relation to the Annual Conference. If they desire to continue in the ministry, they shall receive credit in the course of study for their theological work as the Division of Ordained Ministry shall determine.

Delete all material in ¶ 418 as follows:
418.1 renumbered as 415.3
418.2 renumbered as 723.2d
418.3 renumbered as 723.2b
418.4 renumbered as 417.5
418.5 renumbered as 413.5
418.6 renumbered as 413.6
418.7 deleted
418.8 renumbered as 415.4

Report No. 23

Petitions: MN1062, MN1070, MN1071, MN1072, MN1084, MN1125, MN1203, MN1204, MN1221

Subject: Oppose Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 77; For 70; Against 7; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1108, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 498 .

The committee voted nonconcurrence in light of Report No. 16.

Report No. 24

Petitions: MN1315, MN1321, MN1326, MN1329

Subject: Admission and Continuance as an Associate Member

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1109, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498 .

The committee voted concurrence with ¶¶ 419, 420, 422 as follows:

Renumber ¶ 419 to become ¶ 418 and amend as follows. Delete ¶ 419.1 and .2 and substitute that material in a new ¶ 428.1, and renumber 419.3-.7 to become the new ¶ 418.1-.5.

¶ *419* ¶ **418.** Eligibility and Rights of Associate Members.—Associate members of an Annual Conference are in the itinerant

ministry of the Church and are available on a continuing basis for appointment by the bishop. They offer themselves without reserve to be appointed and to serve as their superiors in office shall direct. They shall be amenable to the Annual Conference in the performance of their ministry and shall be granted the same security of appointment as probationary members and members in full connection.

3 **1.** Associate members are eligible for ordination as deacons but may not be ordained elders unless they qualify through probationary membership for membership in full connection in the Annual Conference (¶ 424).

4 **2.** Associate members shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference on all matters except the following: (a) constitutional amendments; (b) election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences; (c) all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.

5 **3.** Associate members may serve on any board, commission, or committee of an Annual Conference except the Board of Ordained Ministry. They shall not be eligible for election as delegates to the General or Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

6 **4.** Ordained ministers of Methodist or United Churches in other countries serving as missionaries certified by the General Board of Global Ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference are associate members of the conference, without prejudice to their relationship to their churches of origin.
(Editor's note: Report No. 53 further amends the renumbered ¶ 418.4 [see page 1280].)

Renumber ¶ 420 to become ¶ 419 and amend as follows:

¶ 420 ¶ **419.** Requirements for Election as Associate Members.—Candidates may be elected to associate membership by vote of the ministerial members in full connection, upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, when they have met the following conditions. They shall have (1) reached age thirty-five; (2) served four years as full-time local pastors; (3) completed the five-year ministerial course of study in addition to the studies for license as a local pastor, no more than one year of which may be taken by correspondence; (4) completed a minimum of sixty semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence **through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate;** (5) been recommended by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry and the Board of Ordained

Ministry; (6) declared their willingness to accept continuing full-time appointment; (7) satisfied the board regarding their physical, mental, and emotional health (the Annual Conference may require psychological tests to provide additional information on the candidate's fitness for the ministry); (8) **for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a minister, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God;** and *(8)*(9) prepared at least one written sermon on a biblical passage specified by the Board of Ordained Ministry and given satisfactory answers in a written doctrinal examination administered by the Board of Ordained Ministry. (Consideration shall be given to the questions listed in ¶ 425.)

Renumber ¶ 422 to become ¶ 421 and amend as follows:

¶ 422 ¶ **421.** Members in Full Connection—Members in full connection with an Annual Conference by virtue of their election and ordination are bound in special covenant with all the ordained ministers of the Annual Conference. In the keeping of this covenant they perform the ministerial duties and maintain the ministerial standards established by those in the covenant. They offer themselves without reserve to be appointed and to serve, after consultation, as the appointive authority may determine. They live with their fellow ordained ministers in mutual trust and concern and seek with them the sanctification of the fellowship. Only those shall be elected to full membership who are of unquestionable moral character and genuine piety, sound in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and faithful in the discharge of their duties. **There shall be an annual meeting of this covenant body in executive session at the site of the regular session of the Annual Conference to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relations (¶ 704.5).**

Move ¶ 426.1 to become the final paragraph in new ¶ 421:

A full member of an Annual Conference shall be eligible for ordination as elder by a bishop and such other elders as the ordaining bishop may determine.

Report No. 25

Petitions: MN1048, MN1049, MN1052, MN1054, MN1065, MN1074, MN1095, MN1098, MN1330, MN1364-1388, MN1390, MN1391, MN1392, MN1394-1401, MN1589, MN-DS-CN1181.

Subject: Admission and Continuance of Full Membership

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1110, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.

The committee considered proposals for ¶¶ 423-428 and concurred with revisions as follows:

Renumber ¶ 423 to become ¶ 422.

¶ 422 ¶ *423. Rights of Full Members.*—Members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the Annual Conference except in the election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences (¶ 701.1*a*) and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ordained ministers, **which responsibility shall not be limited by the recommendation or lack of recommendation by the Board of Ordained Ministry notwithstanding provisions of Chapter 4 which grant to the Board of Ordained Ministry the right of recommendation.** They shall be eligible to hold office in the Annual Conference and to be elected delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences under the provision of the Constitution (¶ 39, Art. IV). Every effective member in full connection who is in good standing shall receive an annual appointment by the bishop.

Renumber ¶ 424 to become ¶ 423 and amend as follows:

¶ *424* ¶ **423.** Requirements for Admission.—Candidates who have been probationary members for at least two years may be admitted into membership in full connection in an Annual Conference by vote of the ministerial members in full connection, on recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, after they have qualified as follows. *They shall have (1) served full time under episcopal appointment under supervision personally assumed or delegated by the district superintendent satisfactorily to the Board of Ordained Ministry for at least two full Annual Conference years following the completion of the educational requirements specified in (3) below.* **They shall have: (1) served full time under episcopal appointment for at least two full annual conference years following the completion of the educational requirements specified in (3) (a) and (b) below. Supervision is to be personally assumed or delegated by the**

district superintendent. Their service must be evaluated by the Board of Ordained Ministry as satisfactory. Those probationary members under appointment January 1981 shall not be subject to the provisions of this paragraph unless the Annual Conference otherwise provides; (2) been previously elected as probationary members and ordained deacons; (3) met educational requirements in one of the following ways: (a) graduation with a Master of Divinity or equivalent degree from a school of theology listed by the University Senate; (b) graduation with a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree from a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence *as certified by the Division of Ordained Ministry* **through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate** and completion of two years of advanced study beyond the requirements for probationary membership (¶¶ 414-416) under the supervision of the Division of Ordained Ministry in an approved course of study school **or a theological school approved by the University Senate;** (c) educational requirements in every case should include a minimum of two semester or **three** quarter hours in each of the fields of United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity; provided that a candidate may meet the requirements by undertaking a special course of study and/or examination in these fields provided and administered by the Division of Ordained Ministry (see ¶ 1629.2).

Delete ¶ 426.2 and renumber as ¶ 423.3(d):

(d) under conditions regarded as exceptional, candidates who were admitted to probationary membership by a three-fourths vote (¶ 416), upon recommendation by the Board of Ordained Ministry when they have completed advanced studies specified by and under the direction of the Division of Ordained Ministry and have met all the other requirements, may be received into full membership by a three-fourths vote of the ministerial members in full connection, present and voting.

Add as ¶ 423.6(g) the following and renumber the remaining letters:

(g) For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of your influence as a minister, are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end will you agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in

grace and the knowledge and love of God?

Renumber ¶ 425 to become ¶ 424; delete ¶ 426 and relocate as follows:
¶ 426.1 to become last sentence in ¶ 421; ¶ 426.2 to become ¶ 423.3(d).

¶ 426. General Provisions for Annual Conference Membership.—1. A full member of an Annual Conference shall be eligible for ordination as elder by a bishop and such other elders as the ordaining bishop may determine.

2. Under conditions regarded as exceptional, candidates who were admitted to probationary membership by a three-fourths vote (¶ 416), upon recommendation by the Board of Ordained Ministry when they have completed advanced studies specified by and under the direction of the Division of Ordained Ministry and have met all the other requirements, may be received into full membership by a three-fourths vote of the ministerial members in full connection, present and voting.

Renumber ¶ 427 to become ¶ 445 and amend as follows:

¶ 427 **¶ 445.** Evaluation.—Evaluation is a continuous process which must take place in a spirit of understanding, acceptance, and with a genuine desire to embody and carry forth more effectively Christ's ministry in the world lest we create defensiveness and discouragement in the Church or the person being evaluated. Pastoral effectiveness shall be evaluated annually (¶ 226.2f) by the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and district superintendent by criteria and processes developed by the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Cabinet. The Board of Ordained Ministry and/or the Cabinet shall conduct an annual training program for Pastor-Parish Relations Committee members to enable them to evaluate the *gifts, graces, family needs, health, and readiness for ministry of the pastor* **effectiveness of pastors in carrying out the functions of ordained ministry** (¶¶ 723.2k; 518.2; 423.1b).

Delete ¶ 428 and substitute ¶ 425-427:

Transfers from Other Denominations

¶ 428. Ministers coming from other Christian churches, provided they present suitable credentials of good standing through the Board of Ordained Ministry, give assurance of their faith, Christian experience, and other qualifications, give evidence of their agreement with United Methodist doctrine, discipline, and polity, present a satisfactory certificate of good health on the prescribed form from a physician approved by the

Board of Ordained Ministry, and meet the educational requirements, may be received into the ordained ministry of The United Methodist Church in the following manner:

1. Between conference sessions, the Board of Ordained Ministry may receive them as pastors in charge while retaining their denominational affiliation pending the recognition of their orders. The bishop may make ad interim recognition of valid ordination after consultation with the Cabinet and executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry pending recognition by the vote of the ministerial members in full connection. In every case, prior examination shall be made of the ordained minister's understanding of United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity.

2. The district Committee on Ordained Ministry may receive as local pastors ministers from other denominations without orders, pending the recognition of their credentials. On recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Annual Conference, by vote of the ministerial members in full connection, may recognize their ordination and receive them into probationary membership or associate membership in the conference.

3. The Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, may also receive in equal standing persons who are on probation in the ministry of another Methodist church, using, however, special care that before they are admitted to membership in full connection, they shall meet all the educational and other requirements.

4. The Board of Ordained Ministry of an Annual Conference is required to ascertain from a minister seeking admission into its membership on credentials from another denomination whether or not membership in the effective relation was previously held in an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church or one of its legal predecessors, and if so when and under what circumstances the minister's connection with such Annual Conferences was severed.

5. Ministers seeking admission into an Annual Conference on credentials from another denomination who have previously withdrawn from membership in the effective relation in an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church or one of its legal predecessors shall not be admitted or readmitted without the consent of the Annual Conference from which they withdrew or its legal successor, or the Annual Conference of which the major portion of their former conference is a part, such consent to be granted upon recommendation of its Board of Ordained Ministry.

6. Whenever the orders of a minister are recognized according to the foregoing provisions, that minister shall be furnished with a certificate signed by the bishop.

7. When the orders of a minister of another church shall have been duly recognized, the certificate of ordination by said church shall be returned to the minister with the following inscription written plainly across its face:

Accredited by the
Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, this day of 19 , as the basis of new credentials.

, President
, Secretary

8. With the consent of the resident bishop, who shall consult with the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, ordained ministers from other Methodist denominations may be received by transfer, if they meet United Methodist educational requirements, without going through the process required for ministers coming from other denominations. Similarly, ministers of The United Methodist Church may be transferred by a bishop to other Methodist churches with the consent of the proper authorities in said churches.

Substitute ¶¶ 425, 426, 427 for ¶ 428, and renumber the succeeding paragraphs:

Ministers from Other Annual Conferences, Other Methodist and Christian Denominations

¶ 425. Appointments.—Ministers from other Annual Conferences and Christian denominations may receive an appointment in the Annual Conference in the following manner:

1. Ministers from other Annual Conferences and other Methodist denominations. With approval and consent of the bishops or other judicatory authorities involved, ordained ministers of other Annual Conferences or other Methodist churches may receive appointments in the Annual Conference while retaining their home conference membership or denominational affiliation. While they are not associate members, the Board of Ordained Ministry may recommend that these persons be accorded all the rights and privileges of associate membership in the Annual Conference, except security of appointment.

2. Ministers from other Denominations. On recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the ministerial members in full connection may approve annually ministers in good standing in other Christian denominations to serve

appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denomination affiliation, provided they present suitable credentials, give assurance of their Christian faith and experience, and other qualifications. They shall give evidence of their agreement with and willingness to support and maintain United Methodist doctrine, discipline, and polity. Their ordination credentials shall be examined by the bishop and the Board of Ordained Ministry, and upon its recommendation may be recognized as valid in The United Methodist Church while they are under appointment. When the Board of Ordained Ministry certifies that their credentials are at least equal to those of associate members, although they are not associate members, they may be accorded all the rights and privileges of associate membership in the Annual Conference (¶ 419.2 and 419.3). They shall not have security of appointment.

3. Between conference sessions, the Board of Ordained Ministry may approve them for appointment pending the recognition of their orders. The bishop may make ad interim recognition of valid ordination after consultation with the Cabinet and executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry pending recognition by the vote of the ministerial members in full connection. In every case prior examination shall be made of the ordained minister's understanding, acceptance, and willingness to support and maintain United Methodist doctrine, discipline, and polity.

¶ 426. Transfers.—1. From other Annual Conferences. Ordained ministers from other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church may be received by transfer into probationary, associate or full membership with the consent of the bishops involved. Where possible, consultation with the chairperson or executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be held prior to the transfer. This consultation is to be at the bishop's initiative.

2. From other Methodist Denominations. a) Ordained ministers from other Methodist churches may be received by transfer into probationary, associate, or full conference membership with the consent of the bishops or other authorities involved without going through the process required for ministers from other denominations. Where feasible, prior consultation with the chairperson or executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be held.

b) Ministers being transferred from autonomous Methodist churches, affiliated autonomous Methodist churches, or other Methodist denominations shall meet the educational require-

ments of The United Methodist Church, or the equivalent approved by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

c) In cases of transfer, the Division of Ordained Ministry shall certify the completion of the education requirements for conference membership based on guidelines developed by the Division of Ordained Ministry. In cases where additional education is required, the Board of Ordained Ministry shall develop an educational program in consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry.

3. From other Denominations. a) On recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the ministerial members in full connection may recognize the orders of ministers from other denominations and receive them into probationary or associate membership in the Annual Conference. They shall present their credentials for examination by the bishop and Board of Ordained Ministry, give assurance of their Christian faith and experience. They shall give evidence of their agreement with and willingness to support and maintain United Methodist doctrine, discipline, and polity, and present a satisfactory certificate of good health on the prescribed form from a physician approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry. They shall make themselves available for any psychological or aptitude tests the Board may require. They shall meet the educational requirements for conference membership.

b) Ministers from other Christian denominations must serve as probationary members for at least two years and complete all the requirements of ¶ 424, including courses in United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity, before being admitted into full conference membership.

4. The Board of Ordained Ministry of an Annual Conference is required to ascertain from a minister seeking admission into its membership on credentials from another denomination whether or not membership in the effective relation was previously held in an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church or one of its legal predecessors, and if so when and under what circumstances the minister's connection with such Annual Conference was severed.

5. Ministers seeking admission into an Annual Conference on credentials from another denomination who have previously withdrawn from membership in the effective relation in an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church or one of its legal predecessors shall not be admitted or readmitted without the consent of the Annual Conference from which they withdrew or its legal successor, or the Annual

Conference of which the major portion of their former conference is a part, such consent to be granted upon recommendation of its Board of Ordained Ministry.

¶ 427. Recognition of Orders.—1. Clergy from other denominations may have their orders recognized by the ministerial members in full connection of the Annual Conference after examination of their credentials by the bishop and Board of Ordained Ministry. Prior to admission to membership in the Annual Conference such recognition of orders may be given upon recommendation of the bishop and Board of Ordained Ministry.

2. When the orders of a minister of another church shall have been duly recognized, the certificates of ordination by said church shall be returned to the minister with the following inscription written plainly on the back:

These orders are recognized by the Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, this day of , 19 .

, President

, Secretary

The minister also will be furnished with a certificate of recognition of orders signed by the bishop.

Report No. 26

Petitions: MN1066, MN1096-1097, MN1363, MN1389, MN1402-1404, MN1434-1452, MN1457-1515

Subject: Ordination and Appointment of Deacons and Elders

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 79; For 53; Against 25; Not Voting 1. *Calendar No. 1111, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 435.*

The committee considered the proposals for ¶ 429-439 and recommends concurrence as follows:

Renumber ¶ 429 to become ¶ 428.

Renumber ¶ 430 to become ¶ 429.

Renumber ¶ 431 to become ¶ 430 and amend .6 as follows:

6. Be willing to make a complete dedication of themselves to the highest ideals of the Christian life and agree to exercise responsible self-control in their personal habits.

¶ 431.6 **6. For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a minister, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and**

growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God?
Renumber ¶ 432 to become ¶ 431.
Renumber ¶ 433 to become ¶ 432.
Renumber ¶ 434 to become ¶ 433.
Renumber ¶ 435 to become ¶ 434.
Renumber ¶ 436 to become ¶ 435; amend new ¶ 435 as follows:

¶ **435.** *436. General Provisions.*—All ministerial members who are in good standing in an Annual Conference shall receive annually appointment by the bishop unless they are granted a sabbatical leave, a disability leave, or are on leave of absence or retired.

In addition to the ministers, persons who have been granted a license as local pastors and who have been approved by vote of the ministerial members in full connection may be appointed as pastors in charge under certain conditions which are specified in ¶¶ 408-409. **All ministerial members and licensed local pastors to be appointed shall assume a lifestyle consistent with Christian teaching as set forth in the Social Principles.**
Renumber ¶ 437 to become ¶ 436; amend new ¶ 436.2a) as follows; the rest of the paragraph remains unchanged.
¶ *437.* **436.2** *a)* The minister seeking less than full-time service should present a written request to the bishop and the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry at least six months prior to the Annual Conference session at which the appointment is made. **Exceptions to the six months deadline must be approved by the cabinet and the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry.**
Renumber ¶ 438.1 to become ¶ 437.
Restructure and amend ¶ 438.2 to become ¶¶ 438-441 as follows:

2. Duties of a Pastor.—Pastors are responsible for ministering to the needs of the whole community as well as to the needs of the people of their charge equipping them to fulfill their ministry to each other and to the world to which they are sent as servants under the lordship of Christ. Among the pastor's duties are the following:

a) To preach the Word, and read and teach the Scriptures, and engage the people in study and witness.

b) To administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and all the other means of grace.

c) To give diligent pastoral leadership in ordering the life of the congregation for nurture and care.

(1) To instruct candidates for membership and receive them into the Church.

(2) To participate in denominational and conference programs and training opportunities.

(3) To give oversight to the total educational program of the church and encourage the distribution and use of United Methodist literature in each local church.

(4) To perform the marriage ceremony after due counsel with the parties involved. The decision to perform the ceremony shall be the right and responsibility of the pastor. Qualifications for performing marriage shall be in accordance with the laws of the state and The United Methodist Church.

(5) To counsel those who are under threat of marriage breakdown and explore every possibility for reconciliation.

(6) To counsel bereaved families and conduct appropriate memorial services.

(7) To visit in the homes of the church and community especially among the sick, aged, and others in need.

(8) To counsel with members of the church and community as to the alternatives to military service.

d) To participate in the life and work of the community and in ecumenical concerns and to lead the congregation to become so involved.

e) To search out from among the membership and constituency men and women for pastoral ministry and other church-related occupation: to help them interpret the meaning of the call of God, to advise and assist when they commit themselves thereto, to counsel with them concerning the course of their preparation, and to keep a careful record of such decisions.

f) To assure that the organizational concerns of the congregations are adequately provided for.

(1) To administer the provisions of the Discipline and supervise the working program of the local church.

(2) To preside over the Charge Conference at the request of the district superintendent.

(3) To give an account of their pastoral ministries to the Charge and Annual Conferences according to the prescribed forms. The care of all church records and local church financial obligations shall be included.

Substitute ¶¶ 438, 439, 440, and 441 for the former ¶ 438.2.

¶ 438. The pastor shall oversee the total ministry of the local church in its nurturing ministries and in fulfilling its mission of witness and service in the world by: (1) giving pastoral support, guidance, and training to the lay leadership in the church, equipping them to fulfill the ministry to which they are sent as servants under the Lordship of Christ; (2) providing ministry within the congregation and to the world; (3) administering the temporal affairs of the congregation. In the

context of these basic responsibilities, the pastor shall give attention to the following specific duties.

¶ 439. Ministering Within the Congregation and to the World.

¶ *438.2a* **1.** To preach the Word, read and teach the Scriptures, and engage the people in study and witness.

¶ *438.2b* **2.** To administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and all the other means of grace. **It shall be the duty of ministers before baptizing infants or children to prepare the parents and sponsors by instructing them concerning the significance of Holy Baptism, the responsibilities of parents and sponsors for the Christian training of the baptized child, and how these obligations may be properly discharged.**

Amend old ¶ 438.2c(2) as follows:

¶ *438.2c(2)* **3.** To participate in denominational and conference programs and training opportunities, **and to seek out opportunities for cooperative ministries with other United Methodist pastors and churches.**

¶ *438.2c(3)* **4.** To give oversight to the total education program of the church and encourage the distribution and use of United Methodist literature in each local church.

¶ *438.2c(1)* **5.** To instruct candidates for membership and receive them into the Church.

¶ *438.2c(4)* **6.** To perform the marriage ceremony after due counsel with the parties involved. The decision to perform the ceremony shall be the right and responsibility of the pastor. Qualifications for performing marriage shall be in accordance wth the laws of the state and The United Methodist Church.

¶ *438.2c(5)* **7.** To counsel those who are under threat of marriage breakdown and explore every possibility for reconciliation.

¶ *438.2c(6)* **8. To counsel bereaved families and conduct appropriate funeral and memorial services.**

¶ *438.2c(7)* **9.** To visit in the homes of the church and community, especially among the sick, aged, and others in need.

¶ *438.2c(8)* **10. To counsel with members of the church and community concerning military service and its alternatives.**

¶ *438.2d* **11.** To participate in the life and work of the community and in ecumenical concerns and to lead the congregation to become so involved.

¶ *438.2e* **12.** To search out from among the membership and constituency men and women for pastoral ministry and other church-related occupation: to help them interpret the meaning of

the call of God, to advise and assist when they commit themselves thereto, to counsel with them concerning the course of their preparation and to keep a careful record of such decisions.

13. To give diligent pastoral leadership in ordering the life of the congregation for discipleship in the world.

¶ 440. Equipping and Supervising.

¶ 438.2c **1.** To give diligent pastoral leadership ordering the life of the congregation for nurture and care.

2. To offer counsel and theological reflection in the following:

(a) The development of goals for fulfilling the missions of the congregation, the annual conference, and the general church.

(b) The development of plans for implementing the goals of the congregation and a process for evaluating their effectiveness.

(c) The selection, training, and deployment of lay leadership within the congregation and the development of a process for evaluating lay leadership.

3. To lead the congregation in experiencing the racial and ethnic inclusiveness of The United Methodist Church and to help prepare it for participation in the itineracy of all ordained men and women.

4. To participate in denominational and conference programs and training opportunities.

¶ 441. Administration.

1. To be the administrative officer of the local church and *(¶ 438.2f)* to assure that the organizational concerns of the congregation are adequately provided for.

¶ 438.2f(1) **2.** To administer the provisions of the Discipline and supervise the working program of the local church.

¶ 438.2f(3) **3.** To give an account of their pastoral ministries to the Charge and Annual Conference according to the prescribed forms. The care of all church records and local church financial obligations shall be included.

Renumber ¶ 438.3 to become ¶ 442.

Renumber ¶ 439 to become ¶ 443 and amend ¶ 439.1b) as follows:

b) Appointments to extension ministries of persons under endorsement by the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries, such as: chaplaincy in the armed forces, Veterans Administration, industry, correctional **institutions,** health care fields, **community service organizations,** and other related ministries which the bishop and conference Board of Ordained Ministry may designate. **The division shall annually verify the**

appropriate employment of persons under its endorsement and request their reappointment.

Amend ¶ 439.2 as follows:

2. Conference members under appointment beyond the local church are amenable to the Annual Conference of which they are members and insofar as possible should maintain close working relationship with and effective participation in the work of their Annual Conference, assuming whatever responsibilities they are qualified and requested to assume.

They shall submit annually to the bishop, the district superintendent, and the Board of Ordained Ministry a written report *prepared in consultation with their immediate supervisor of their performance of the ministerial office. The report will use* **using** the official *report* **form** developed for the Church by the General Council on Finance and Administration for use *in* **by** the Annual Conference. This report shall serve as the basis for the evaluation of these clergy in light of the missional needs of the Church and the fulfillment of their ordination to be minister of Word, Sacrament, and Order. *A written summary of the evaluation shall be prepared and sent to the minister under appointment by the bishop and the Cabinet.* **Persons formally evaluated by the institutions in which they serve will provide, instead of an evaluation, a narrative report reflecting their ministry.** Ministers serving in appointments outside the conference in which they hold membership shall furnish a copy of their report also to the bishop of the area in which they reside and work. It is recommended that at the initiative of the superintendent, a personal interview with the district superintendent in the district in which they are serving be held.

Amend the title to ¶ 439.2b) as follows: Responsibility *to* **of** the Annual Conference.

Amend ¶ 439.3a) and 3b) as follows:

¶ *439.3a* 3. Relation to the Local Church.—a) Conference members appointed beyond the local church shall establish membership in a Charge Conference in their home Annual Conference in consultation with the pastor in charge and with approval of the district superintendent *and the approval of the bishop* **and the bishop. When the conference member appointed beyond the local church is the district superintendent, then it shall be approved by the bishop.** They shall submit to their home Charge Conference an annual report of pastoral duties and the fulfillment of their ordination through their special appointment, including ministerial activities in the charge where they have an affiliate membership relation and in other units of the

Church at large, as well as continuing education work completed and anticipated. This report may be the one submitted to the bishop and Cabinet (¶ 439.2a).

All conference members, including those in extension ministries, shall be available and on call to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as required by the Discipline (¶ 438.2b) and requested by the district superintendent of the district in which the appointment is held.

Amend 439.3b) as follows:

b) Affiliate Relation to a Local Church.—Ordained ministers under appointment beyond the local church and serving outside of the geographical bounds of their home Annual Conference **shall promptly notify the bishop of the area in which they reside of their name, address and the Annual Conference in which their credentials are held. They** shall be affiliate members without vote of a Charge Conference either within the district where they carry out the primary work of their appointment or within the district where they reside. The selection of the Charge Conference shall be made after consultation between the minister, district superintendent, and the pastor of the local United Methodist Church.

Amend present ¶ 439.4 as ¶ 443.4 as follows:

¶ *439.4* **4.** Affiliate Relation to Annual Conference.—Ordained clergy appointed beyond the local church outside the boundary of their Annual Conference may, at their own *request* **initiative,** apply **to the Board of Ordained Ministry** for affiliate membership in the Annual Conference in which their appointment is located **or in which they reside.** By a two-thirds vote of the executive session, such clergy may be received with rights and privileges, including service on conference boards, agencies, task forces, and committees, with voice but without vote. Voting membership shall be retained in the appointee's home Annual Conference for the duration of affiliate member relationship. Nomination to general church boards and agencies and election as delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences shall originate in the appointee's home Annual Conference. Such persons may serve on the board, agency, task force, or committee of only one annual conference at any one time.

Report No. 27

Petitions: MN1393, MN1516-1522

Subject: Continuing Education and Leave

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 78; For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1112, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 498.

The committee voted concurrence on ¶¶ 440, 441, 442 as follows:

Renumber ¶ 440 to become ¶ 444.

Amend title of Section VI to read:

Evaluation and Continuing Education for Full and Associate Members.

Renumber ¶ 441 to become ¶ 446 and amend as follows:

¶ 441 ¶ 446. Continuing Education: *Educational Leave.*—1. Ministers shall be *encouraged* **expected** to continue their education throughout their careers, including carefully developed personal programs of study augmented periodically by involvement in organized educational activities.

Renumber ¶ 441.2 to become ¶ 447 and amend as follows:

(¶ 441.2) ¶ 447. **Educational Leave.**—An ordained minister may request an educational leave of up to six months while continuing to hold a pastoral appointment. An Annual Conference may make such educational leaves available to its ordained ministers who have held full-time appointments for at least five years. *Financial arrangements shall be negotiated by the pastor, district superintendent, and Pastor-Parish Relations Committee in consultation.*

In most cases the ministers' continuing education program should allow for leaves of absence for study at least one week each year and at least one month during one year of each quadrennium. Such leaves shall not be considered as part of the ministers' vacation and shall be planned in consultation with their charges or other agencies to which they are appointed as well as the bishop, district superintendent, and Annual Conference Continuing Education Committee.

Financial arrangements shall be negotiated in the following manner: (a) for pastors it shall be done in consultation with the district superintendent and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee; (b) for district superintendents with the district committee on superintendency; (c) for conference staff with the appropriate committee of the Council on Ministries; (d) for others in appointments beyond the local church with the appropriate persons in their agency.

Renumber ¶ 441.3 to become ¶ 446.2.

(¶ 441.3) 2. Pastors shall be asked by the district superintendent in the Charge Conference to outline their programs of continuing education for the year. The district superintendent shall also ask the local church to describe its provision for time and financial support for the pastor's program of continuing education.

Add new ¶ 446.3 as follows:

3. **Ministers in appointment beyond the local church shall give evidence of their continuing education program in their annual report (¶ 439.2a).**

Renumber ¶ 442 to become ¶ 448.

Report No. 28

Petitions: MN1523, MN1524, MN1527, MN1532-1543, MN1545-1563, MN1565, MN1567, MN1586

Subject: Changes in Conference Relationships

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 81; For 50; Against 28; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1113, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 470.

The committee recommends concurrence with ¶¶ 445-447 as revised:

Renumber present ¶ 445 to become ¶ 451 and amend as follows:

(¶ 445) ¶ 451. Maternity/paternity Leave.—Maternity/paternity leave not to exceed one fourth of a year will be available **and shall be granted by the bishop and the Cabinet and the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry** to any probationary member, associate member, or minister in full connection who so requests it at the birth or **arrival of a child into the home for purposes of** adoption. *of a child.*

Amend ¶ 445.3 as follows:

3. The minister's salary will be maintained for no less than the first *month* **six weeks** of the leave.

Amend ¶ 446 as follows:

¶ 446. Disability Leave.—1. When ministers who are **local pastors,** associate members, probationary members, or members in full connection in an Annual Conference are forced to give up their ministerial work because of their physical or emotional disability, **such leave may be granted or renewed only after a thorough investigation of the case and examination of medical evidence by the Joint Committee on Disability of the Annual Conference;** and upon joint recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the conference Board of Pensions and by a majority vote of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference in full connection who are present and voting, they may be granted annual disability leave without losing their relationship to the Annual Conference. *provided however, that such leave may be granted or renewed only after a thorough investigation of the case and examination of medical evidence in accordance with section 3 and section 4 below.* **When a minister is granted disability leave by the Annual Conference, the**

General Board of Pensions shall immediately pay disability benefits.

Payments of such disability benefits will be a charge to the annual conference granting the disability leave unless the disability meets the medical evidence standard set for it in the Comprehensive Pension Plan Document, subsection 5.4. Each disability leave granted by the Annual Conference shall be recorded in the conference minutes.

2. When ministers **who are full-time local pastors, associate members, probationary members, or members in full connection in an Annual Conference** are forced to give up their ministerial work between sessions of the Annual Conference on account of physical or emotional disability, *with the approval of a majority of the district superintendents, after consultation with the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the executive committee of the conference Board of Pensions* **such leave may be granted only after a thorough investigation of the case and an examination of medical evidence by the Joint Committee on Disability of the Annual Conference, with the approval of a majority of the district superintendents; after consultation with the executive committee of the Conference Board of Pensions,** a disability leave may be granted by the bishop for the remainder of the conference year. *provided, however, that such leave may be granted only after examination of medical evidence in accordance with section 3* or *section 4 below.* **When a minister is granted disability leave by the bishop, the General Board of Pensions shall immediately pay disability benefits. The payment of such benefits will be a charge to the annual conference granting the disability leave unless the disability meets the medical evidence standards set forth in the Comprehensive Pension Plan Document, subsection 5.4.** Any such leave granted between sessions of the Annual Conference, with the effective date of such leave, shall be entered in the minutes of the next regular session of the conference.

3. Prior to January 1, 1982, ministers who are currently participating members of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund at the time a disability occurs may be granted a disabilty leave only after medical evidence shall have been secured and reviewed by the General Board of Pensions in accordance with the regulations of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund pertaining to disability benefits.

Prior to January 1, 1982, ministers who are not currently participating members of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund at the time a disability occurs may be granted a disability leave only after a medical report shall have been submitted to the Joint

Committee on Disability (¶ 732) by a medical doctor who has been approved by the joint committee. Such report shall be made on a form approved by the General Board of Pensions.

4. **3.** On and after January 1, 1982, ministers **or local pastors** who are participants in the Comprehensive Protection Plan may be granted a disability leave only after medical evidence shall have been secured and reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the plan.

5. **4.** When ministers **or local pastors** on disability leave recover sufficiently to resume ministerial work, with their consent they may receive an appointment from a bishop between sessions of the Annual Conference, thereby terminating the disability leave. Such appointment shall be reported immediately by the Cabinet to the Annual Conference Board of Pensions and to the General Board of Pensions. Such termination of leave, together with the effective date, shall also be recorded in the minutes of the Annual Conference at its next regular session.

Amend ¶ 447.3 as follows:

3. Involuntary retirement.—By a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, the ministerial members of the Annual Conference in full connection may place any ministerial members in the retired relation with or without their consent and irrespective of their age if such relation is recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Cabinet. **Action toward involuntary retirement must be started at least 90 days prior to Annual Conference. This process shall not preclude the rights to appeal and trial by any person so guaranteed by our Constitution.**

Report No. 29

Petitions: MN1064, MN1085, MN1093-1094, MN1099, MN1525, MN1544, MN1564, MN1566, MN1568-1569, MN1570-1580, MN1583

Subject: Termination and Readmission of Conference Membership

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 78; For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1175, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 471.*

The committee considered proposals to renumber and amend old ¶¶ 447, 448, 449 (new ¶¶ 453, 454, 455) and concurred as follows:

Renumber ¶ 447 to become ¶ 453 and amend as follows:

4. Pre-retirement Counseling.—The Board of Ordained Ministry in cooperation with the Board of Pensions shall offer to all ministerial members anticipating retirement, pre-consultation at least five years prior to the date of anticipated retirement

(¶ 723.2j). The purpose of the consultation will be to assist the clergy and spouses to plan and to prepare for the psychological and financial adjustments of retirement, as well as providing guidance and counsel for their return to a new relationship in the local church. **In pre-retirement counseling the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Pensions may relate to the Annual Conference Association of Retired Ministers or similar organization where it exists. The Board shall take initiative in assisting retirees to establish such organizations.**

6. Appointment of Retired Ministers.—A retired minister shall be eligible to receive an appointment when requested by the bishop and Cabinet but not the same appointment from which he/she has been retired. A retired minister appointed to a pastoral charge shall have neither a claim upon minimum salary nor further pension credit. **Retired ministers may serve on conference boards and agencies, except the Board of Trustees, the Board of Pensions, and the Council on Finance and Administration.**

Renumber ¶ 448 to become ¶ 454 and amend as follows:

¶ *448* ¶ **454.** Voluntary Termination.—1. By Discontinuance from Probationary Membership.—Probationary members may request discontinuance of this relationship or may be discontinued by the Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, without reflection upon their character. When this relationship is discontinued, they shall no longer be permitted to exercise ministerial functions and shall surrender their credentials to the district superintendent for deposit with the secretary of the conference, and their membership transferred by the district superintendent to the local church which they designate after consultation with the pastor. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall file with the resident bishop a permanent record of the circumstances relating to discontinuance as a probationary member as required in ¶ 723.3d. If after discontinuance, probationary members are classified and approved as local pastors in accordance with the provision of ¶ 409 and under the conditions outlined in ¶ 408, they may be permitted to retain their credentials of ordination **and shall receive credit in the course of study for their theological work as the Division of Ordained Ministry shall determine.**

2. By Honorable Location.—a) An Annual Conference may grant associate members or members in full connection certificates of honorable location at their own request; provided that it shall first have examined their character at the conference session when the request is made and found them in good standing; and provided further, that this relation shall be granted

only to one who intends to discontinue service in the itinerant ministry. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall provide guidance and counsel to the locating member and family as they return to a new relationship in the local church.

b) Location shall be certified by the presiding bishop. Ministers located according to the provisions of this paragraph shall not continue to hold membership in the Annual Conference. After consultation with the pastor, located ministers shall designate the local church in which they shall hold membership. As ministerial members of the Charge Conference, they shall be permitted to exercise ministerial functions under supervision of the pastor in charge. **They shall have all the privileges of membership in the church where they elect to hold membership except as set forth in the Book of Discipline.** When approved by the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, a person on honorable location may be appointed ad interim by the bishop as a local pastor. Otherwise the exercise of their ministry shall be limited to the Charge Conference in which their membership is held. **A copy of the annual report to the Charge Conference must be forwarded to the registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry in order for location to be continued. Failure to submit the report shall result in location being discontinued. When location is no longer granted the person is referred to the Board of Ordained Ministry for determination of conference relationship (¶ 423).** They shall report to the Charge Conference and the pastor all marriages performed, Baptisms administered, and funerals conducted; and shall be held amenable for their conduct and the continuation of their ordination rights to the Annual Conference within which the Charge Conference membership is held. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to persons granted involuntary location prior to the General Conference of 1976. The names of located members after the annual passage of their character shall be printed in the journal.

Renumber ¶ 443 to become ¶ 449.

Amend (¶ 455.2b) by adding the following:

b) The Board of Ordained Ministry shall notify the minister, bishop and district superintendent of the recommendation to administrative location at least sixty (60) days before the opening of the next Annual Conference. The notice to the minister shall also inform the minister of his/her right to trial (old ¶ 449.3). Such choice by the minister must be made and notification of the choice sent to the bishop and the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry within ten days following receipt of notice from the board. If a minister

chooses trial, the Board of Ordained Ministry shall forward to the Committee on Investigation its intended recommendations with appropriate material. In such event, the Committee on Investigation and Trial Court will consider for this case only the inability effectively or competently to perform the duties of itinerant ministry as possible grounds for charges and trial. The recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be acted upon by the ministerial executive session.

Report No. 30

Petitions: MN1040, MN1176, MN1581, MN1584, MN1585
Subject: Location and Readmission
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 112; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1176, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 499.
The committee concurred on the following items:
Renumber ¶ 450 to become ¶ 456.
Renumber ¶ 451 to become ¶ 457 and amend as follows:

4. Recommendation by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry, and the Cabinet, after review of their qualifications and the circumstances relating to their location. When reinstated by vote of the ministerial members in full connection **of the Annual Conference which granted the location** their membership in the conference shall be restored, and they shall be authorized to perform all ministerial functions.

Renumber ¶ 452 to become ¶ 458 and amend as follows:

¶ 452 ¶ 458. Readmission after Surrender of the Ministerial Office.—Ministers who have surrendered the ministerial office under the provisions of Pars. 448.4, 448.5, **and** 448.6 to an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church or one of its legal predecessors may be readmitted by the Annual Conference in which they held previously such membership and to which they surrendered the ministerial office or its legal successor or the Annual Conference of which the major portion of the former conference is a part upon their request and recommendation by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry, the Board of Ordained Ministry, and the Cabinet after review of their qualifications and the circumstances relating to the surrender of their ministerial office. When reinstated by vote of the ministerial members in full connection, their membership in the conference and their credentials shall be restored, and they shall be authorized to perform all ministerial functions.

Report No. 31

Petitions: MN1002, MN1003, MN1006, MN1010, MN1591, MN1592, MN1593, MN1598, MN1597, MN1600, MN1602, MN1603, MN1604, MN1605, MN1606, MN1607, MN1609, MN1610, MN1611, MN1612, MN1616, MN1617, MN1618, MN1620, MN1621, MN1623, MN1626, MN1624, MN1625, MN1627, MN1658, MN1659, MN1660, MN1666, MN1667, MN1670

Subject: Episcopal Responsibilities and Tenure

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 112; Present 105; For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1200, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 499.

The committee recommends concurrence with the following:

Renumber the present ¶ 508.1 as ¶ 508.1a), and delete the last sentence. Move the second paragraph of ¶ 508.2b) to the ¶ 508.1, and letter it as ¶ 508.1b), and amend it by specifying September 1 as the effective date for payment of pension benefits. Move the third, fourth, and fifth paragraphs of ¶ 508.2b) to ¶ 508.1, and letter them as ¶ 508.1c).

¶ 508.1. Mandatory retirement.—a) A bishop shall be retired on August 31 next following the regular session of the Jurisdictional Conference if the bishop's sixty-sixth birthday has been reached on or before July 1 of the year in which the Jurisdictional Conference is held. *This shall be effective with the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1980.*

b) Pension and housing allowance as approved by the General Conference shall be payable on September 1 following the close of the Jurisdictional Conference.

c) If, however, the retired bishop accepts any one of the following assignments of churchwide responsibility, the General Council on Finance and Administration, after consultation with the Council of Bishops, shall set a level of compensation not to exceed 75 percent of the salary of an active bishop: (1) assignment of a special nature with direct relationship and accountability to the Council of Bishops, or (2) assignment to a general agency or United Methodist Church-related institution of higher education. Only the difference between the compensation as established and the continuing pension shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

If a bishop is assigned to a general agency or United Methodist Church-related institution of higher education, that agency or United Methodist Church-related institution of higher education shall participate by payment of 50 percent of

the difference between the compensation herein established and the pension of the bishop. The general agency or United Methodist church-related institution of higher education shall further assume all responsibility for the bishop's operation and travel expenses related to the assignment.

Compensation for any special assignment shall cease after the bishop has reached the mandatory age of retirement for all ministers (¶ 447.1) or completes the assignment, whichever comes first. No assignment to a jurisdiction, Central Conference, Annual Conference, or non-United Methodist agency shall qualify for additional compensation from the Episcopal Fund under the provisions of this paragraph. The status of a retired bishop on special assignment shall, for purposes of housing and other benefits, be that of a retired bishop.

Amend ¶ 508.2 by deletions, additions and relettering as indicated below.

¶ 508.2. Voluntary retirement.—a) Bishops who have completed twenty years or more of service under full-time appointment as elder, including at least one quadrennium as bishop, may request the Jurisdictional *or Central* Conference to place them in the retired relation with the privilege of receiving their pension as determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration. *Payment of the pension will begin the first month after the sixty-fifth birthday.*

b) Bishops who have attained age 62 or have completed thirty-seven years of service under full-time appointment as an elder or bishop may request the Jurisdictional Conference to place them in the retired relation with the privilege of receiving their pension as determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration.

c) Any bishop who seeks a voluntary retired status shall notify the president of the Council of Bishops at least six months prior to the General Conference.

d) A bishop may seek voluntary retirement for health reasons and shall be so retired by the Jurisdictional or Central Conference Committee on Episcopacy upon recommendation by the involved College of Bishops and upon presentation of satisfactory medical evidence. Such bishops shall receive their pensions as provided by the General Council on Finance and Administration in consultation with the Jurisdictional or Central Conference Committee on Episcopacy.

Pension and housing allowance as approved by the General Conference shall be payable on the first day of the following month after the close of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

If, however, the retired bishop accepts any one of the following assignments of church-wide responsibility, the General Council on Finance and Administration, after consultation with the Council of Bishops, shall set a level of compensation not to exceed *75 percent of the salary of an active bishop:* **a maximum determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration and approved by the General Conference:** (1) assignment of a special nature with direct relationship and accountability to the Council of Bishops, or (2) assignment to a general agency or United Methodist Church-related institution of higher education. Only the difference between the compensation as established and the continuing pension shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

If a bishop is assigned to a general agency or United Methodist Church-related institution of higher education, that agency or United Methodist Church-related institution of higher education shall participate by payment of 50 percent of the difference between the compensation herein established and the pension of the bishop. The general agency or United Methodist Church-related institution of higher education shall further assume all responsibility for the bishop's operation and travel expenses related to the assignment.

Compensation for any special assignment shall cease after the bishop has reached the mandatory age of retirement for all ministers (¶ 447.1) or completes the assignment, whichever comes first. No assignment to a jurisdiction, Central Conference, Annual Conference, or non-United Methodist agency shall qualify for additional compensation from the Episcopal Fund under the provisions of this paragraph. The status of a retired bishop on special assignment shall, for purposes of housing and other benefits, be that of a retired bishop.

Amend ¶ 508.3b as follows:

b) A bishop, for health reasons, may be retired between sessions of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference by a two-thirds vote of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference Committee on Episopacy upon the recommendation of one third of the membership of the involved College of Bishops. The affected bishop, upon request, shall be entitled to a review of his/her health condition by a professional diagnostic team prior to action by the involved College of Bishops. Notification of action to retire shall be given by the chairperson and secretary of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference Committee on Episcopacy to the secretary of the Council of Bishops and the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund. **Appeal from this action may be made to the Judicial Council with the notice provisions being applicable as**

set forth in ¶ 2625.2. Upon such retirement, the bishop shall receive a pension as determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration. *See also* § 2*b* above.

Amend ¶ 508.4 as follows:

4. *Resignation.*—A bishop may voluntarily resign from the episcopacy at any time. **A bishop may resign from the office by submitting his/her resignation to the Council of Bishops. The Council of Bishops shall have authority to take appropriate actions concerning matters relating to the resignation, including the appointment of an acting bishop to act until a successor is elected and assigned.** The consecration papers of a bishop in good standing so resigning shall be properly inscribed by the secretary of the Council of Bishops and returned. He/she shall be furnished with a certificate of resignation which shall entitle him/her to membership as a traveling elder in the Annual Conference (or its successor) in which membership was last held. Notification of this action shall be given by the secretary of the Council of Bishops to the chairperson and secretary of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference Committee on Episcopacy. When the resigned bishop or surviving spouse and dependent children become conference claimants, the Episcopal Fund shall pay a pension as determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Correct ¶ citation in ¶ 509.1 as follows:

¶ **509.** *Status of Retired Bishops.*—A retired bishop is a bishop of the Church in every respect and continues to function as a member of the Council of Bishops in accordance with the Constitution and other provisions of the Discipline.

1. Retired bishops shall not preside over any Annual Conference, Provisional Annual Conference, or Mission or make appointments or preside at the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, but may take the chair temporarily in any conference if requested to do so by the bishop presiding. They may participate in the Council of Bishops and its committees but without vote. When a retired bishop is appointed by the Council of Bishops to a vacant episcopal area or parts of an area under the provisions of ¶ *509.1* **509.3,** that bishop may function as a bishop in the effective relationship.

Report No. 32

Petitions: MN1599

Subject: Assignment of Bishops

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 89; For 82; Against 7; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1268.

(Editor's Note: Content of Report No. 32 was adopted as substitute in Report No. 11 from the Committee on Conferences, Journal Page 955.)

Report No. 33

Petitions: MN1613, MN1614, MN1615, MN1619, MN1622

Subject: Episcopal Responsibilities and Involuntary Termination

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 87; For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1269, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The committee considered ¶ 512.3 (new ¶ 513) and new ¶ 512 and concurred as follows:

In ¶ 512.3 (Duties of the Bishop) amend by deletion and addition:

3. To provide liaison *in ecumenical activities and relationships.* **and leadership in the quest for Christian unity in ministry, mission and structure and in the search for strengthened relationships with other living faith communities.**

Renumber ¶ 512 to become ¶ 513. Add new ¶ 512 and renumber:

¶ 512. Involuntary Termination of Office.—1. Episcopal leadership in The United Methodist Church shares with all other ordained persons in the sacred trust of their ordination. The ministry of bishops as set forth in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church also flows from the gospel as taught by Jesus the Christ and proclaimed by his apostles. Whenever a bishop violates this trust or is unable to fulfill appropriate responsibilities, continuation in the episcopal office shall be subject to review. This review shall have as its purpose the reconciliation and restoration of the bishop and the strengthening of the church. If a remedial process is unfruitful, it shall be the responsibility of the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy to make appropriate response.

2. Any grievance concerning the effectiveness, competence, or one or more of the offenses listed in ¶ 2621 shall be submitted to the president of the College of Bishops in that jurisdiction. If the grievance concerns the president, it may be submitted to any other officer of the College of Bishops. A grievance is a written statement claiming misconduct, unsatisfactory performance of ministerial duties, or one or more of the offenses listed in ¶ 2621.

3. Review Committee, Jurisdictional Committee on the

Episcopacy.—In each jurisdiction there shall be a Review Committee composed of four ministerial members from the Annual Conferences of that jurisdiction and two bishops other than the current officers of the College of Bishops. The Review Committee shall be appointed by the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy and shall serve for the quadrennium.

This Review Committee shall receive from the College of Bishops all grievances concerning bishops in that jurisdiction and seek resolution of them. The work of this committee shall be informal and confidential and shall guarantee that the person or persons lodging the grievance and the bishop against whom the grievance is lodged shall have the right to be heard. No witnesses will be called and no counsel shall be present. Should the bishop desire it, another bishop or a clergyperson chosen by the bishop may accompany him/her at the meeting of the committee.

If resolution of the matter is not achieved, the Review Committee may prepare a formal complaint and forward it to the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episopacy with any recommendations.

4. Complaints.—A complaint prepared by the Review Committee, to the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, must be based on incompetence, ineffectiveness, or one or more of the offenses listed in ¶ 2621 and shall be submitted in written form and signed by the chairperson of the Review Committee. No complaint shall be considered for any misconduct or unsatisfactory performance which shall not have been committed within two years immediately preceding the receipt of the grievance. The bishop named in the complaint shall be informed of the process and its purpose. Complaints shall be lodged with the chairperson of the Jurisdictional Committee.

5. Disposition of Complaint.—When a complaint with any attached recommendations has been received by the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy, that committee shall develop a response based on the report of the Review Committee and the needs of the church and the bishop. The Jurisdictional Committee may recommend involuntary retirement (¶ 508.3), sabbatical leave (¶ 510.2), sick leave (¶ 510.3), remedial action (as listed in ¶ 449.1g), or it may dismiss the complaint. In rare instances when the Jurisdictional Committee deems the matter serious enough and when one or more offenses listed in ¶ 2621 are involved, the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episopacy may refer the

complaint to the Jurisdictional Committee on Investigation for possible trial (¶ 2623.2).

6. Any actions of the Jurisdictional Committee taken on a complaint shall be reported to the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

Report No. 34

Petitions: MN1587
Subject: Expressions of Superintendency
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 112; Present 71; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1270, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
In Section VII title and in ¶¶ 523, 524.2,.3 and 526.2,.4 the committee concurred with deletion of "corporate" as indicated:

Section VII. *Corporate* Expressions of Superintendency.

¶ 523. The offices of bishop and district superintendent are linked with each other in ways described elsewhere (¶ 503). The interdependence of the offices calls for a collegial style of leadership. However, both the office of bishop and that of district superintendent are embedded in their own *corporate* contexts.

¶ 524. 2. The Council of Bishops is thus the *corporate* expression of episcopal leadership in the Church and through the Church into the world. The Church expects the Council of Bishops to speak to the Church and from the Church to the world.

3. In order to exercise meaningful *corporate* leadership, the Council of Bishops is to meet at stated intervals. The Council of Bishops is charged with the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the whole Church, to be executed in regularized consultation and cooperation with other councils and service agencies of the Church.

¶ 526. 2. The Cabinet under the leadership of the bishop is thus the *corporate* expression of superintending leadership in and through the Annual Conference. It is expected to speak to the conference and for the conference to the spiritual and temporal issues that exist within the region encompassed by the conference.

4. In order to exercise meaningful *corporate* leadership, the Cabinet is to meet at stated intervals. The Cabinet is charged with the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of a conference, to be executed in regularized consultation and cooperation with other councils and service agencies of the conference.

Report No. 35

Petitions: MN1001, MN1004-1005, MN1008, MN1012, MN1013, MN1014-1015, MN1017, MN1020-1027, MN1029, MN1031, MN1034, MN1036, MN1039, MN1051, MN1305, MN1588, MN1590, MN1594-1596, MN1608, MN1629-1637, MN1639-1640, MN1643, MN1645-1646, MN1648-1649, MN1652, MN1656, MN1663, MN1669, MN1671-1674, MN1676-1677, MN1679-1683, MN1685-1686, MN1688-1694, MN1696-1701, MN1703, MN1709-1710, MN1719-1720, MN1722-1725, MN1727-1729, MN1734, MN1742-1744, MN1747-1748, HE1015-1016, HE1037, HE1038

Subject: Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1271, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on the above petitions.

Report No. 36

Petitions: MN1628, MN1638

Subject: Selection of District Superintendents

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 91; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1272, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The committee concurred with ¶ 515 and renumbering as ¶ 516 as follows:

Amend ¶ 515 and renumber to become ¶ 516 as follows:

¶ *515.* ¶ **516.** Selection and Assignment.—Inasmuch as the district superintendency is an extension of the general superintendency, the bishop shall appoint elders to serve as district superintendents. Prior to each appointment, the bishop shall consult with the Cabinet and the Committee on District Superintendency of the district to which the new superintendent will be assigned (¶ 528), *Such consultation shall be* for the purpose of determining leadership needs of the Annual Conference and the district (¶ ¶ 501-502). *Due consideration shall be given* **In the selection of superintendents, bishops shall give due consideration** to the inclusiveness of The United Methodist Church with respect to sex, race, *and* national origin, **and age except for the provisions of mandatory retirement.**

Renumber ¶ 516 to become ¶ 517.

Report No. 37

Petitions: MN1641, MN1642, MN1644

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendent

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 91; For 88; Against 2; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1273, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.

The committee concurred with ¶ 517 as amended:

Renumber ¶ 517 to become ¶ 518; add a new ¶ 518.3 and reletter subsequent sentences and amend as follows:

¶ 517 **¶ 518.** The district superintendent shall oversee the total ministry of the pastors and the churches in the communities of the district in its mission of witness and service in the world: (1) by giving pastoral support and supervision to the clergy of the district; (2) by encouraging their personal, spiritual, and professional growth; (3) **by participating with the bishops in the appointment-making process;** (4) by enabling programs throughout the district that may assist local churches to build and extend their ministry and mission with their people and to the community; *(4)* (5) by working in cooperation with appropriate district and Annual Conference agencies to explore *experimental and cooperative ministry among the churches of the district;* **long-range, experimental, ecumenical, multi-cultural, multi-racial, and cooperative minstries;** (6) by assisting the bishop in the administration of the Annual Conference; (7) by participating in the conference council on ministries and the district council on ministries where it exists. In the fulfillment of this ministry, the superintendent shall consult *regularly* **at least twice a year** (¶ 740.3) with the Committee on District Superintendency. *While carrying out all duties and responsibilities as may be indicated in various paragraphs of the Discipline, the district superintendent shall be especially conscious of responsibility in the following areas of concern.* **In the context of these basic responsibilities, the district superintendent shall give attention to the following specific tasks.**

In ¶ 517 (Duties of District Superintendent) insert as a new (5) and re-number old items (5) and (6) as new (6) and (7):

(5) by encouraging local congregations to work with ecumenical agencies and coalitions in the sharing of resources, and to develop an understanding of and relationship to other living faith communities.

Report No. 38

Petitions: MN1645, MN1650-1651, MN1653

Subject: Personnel and Administrative Duties of a District Superintendent

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1274, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.*

The committee voted concurrence with ¶¶ 519-522 amended as follows:

Renumber ¶ 519 to become ¶ 520 and amend as follows:

Transfer ¶ 519.2 to stand as ¶ 527.4; renumber ¶ 519.3 to become ¶ 519.2 and amend as follows:

3. **2.** *To be the executive for the district Committee on Ordained Ministry,* **To work with the district Committee on Ordained Ministry in** enabling a meaningful and appropriate examination of candidates into ordained ministry; to issue and renew licenses to preach when authorized (¶ 406); to keep careful records of all such candidates; to maintain regular communication with all candidates in order to advise and encourage them in spiritual and academic preparation for their ministry. **The district superintendent shall not serve as chairperson of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry.**

Transfer ¶ 519.4 to stand as ¶ 522.3:

4. To develop adequate salary support for all clergy, including provision for housing, utilities, travel, and continuing education.

Transfer ¶ 519.5 to a newly constituted ¶ 519 to stand as new ¶ 519.5:

5. To require annually of each clergy person a report of his/her program of continuing education and to encourage congregations to give time and financial support for such programs.

Renumber ¶ 519.6 to become ¶ 520.3 and amend as follows:

6. **3.** To work with the bishop and Cabinet in the process of appointment and assignment for ordained ministers. *who hold Charge Conference relationship in the district and the Annual Conference.*

To this renumbering of ¶ 519 add a new ¶ 520.4:

4. To provide or arrange support services and liaison for pastors at times of changing conference relationships or termination (¶¶ 410, 444-447, 448-449).

Renumber ¶ 520 to become ¶ 521 and amend as follows:

¶ 520 **¶ 521.** Pastoral.—1. To give pastoral support and care to

the clergy and their families by traveling through the district, preaching, visiting, and maintaining the connectional order of the Discipline.

Renumber ¶ 521 to become ¶ 522 and amend:

¶ *521* ¶ **522.** Administration.—1. To schedule and preside, or authorize an elder to preside, in each annual Charge Conference or Church Conference within the district *(¶¶ 248-251).* **(¶¶ 246-251).**

2. To administer the district office including supervision of support staff (¶¶ 710.1a; 740.4).

Renumber ¶ 519.4 to become new ¶ 522.3:

3. To develop adequate salary support for all clergy, including provision for housing, utilities, travel, and continuing education.

Renumber ¶ 521.2 to become ¶ 522.4 and amend as follows:

2. **4.** To cooperate with the district Board of Church Location and Building and local church Boards of Trustees or building committees in arranging acquisitions, sales, transfers, and mortgages of property; *and* to ensure that all charters, deeds, and other legal documents conform to the Discipline and to the laws, usages, and forms of the county, state, territory, or country within which such property is situated **and to keep copies thereof.**

Renumber ¶ 521.8 to become ¶ 522.5:

8. **5.** Prior to consenting to the proposed action to sell or transfer any United Methodist Church property, to insure that an investigation be made and a plan of action be developed for the future missional needs of the community by The United Methodist Church.

Revise current ¶ 521.5 and renumber to become ¶ 522.6:

5. To maintain in the district office and transfer to one's successor a complete set of records pertaining to:

6. To keep accurate and complete records for one's successor including:

a) All abandoned church properties and cemeteries within the bounds of the district;

b) All church properties being permissively used by other religious organizations, with the names of the local trustees thereof;

c) All known endowments, annuities, trust funds, investments, and unpaid legacies belonging to any pastoral charge or

organization connected therewith in the district and an accounting of their management;

d) Membership of persons from churches which have been closed.

Renumber ¶ 521.3 to become ¶ 522.7:

7. To promote current and deferred financial support in local churches for district, conference, and denominational causes.

Renumber ¶ 521.6 to become ¶ 522.8:

8. To transfer members of a discontinued church to another United Methodist church of their choice or to such other churches as members may elect.

Renumber ¶ 521.7 to become ¶ 522.9:

9. To recommend to the bishop for approval, after consultation with the churches involved, any realignment of pastoral charge lines and report them to the Annual Conference.

Add a new ¶ 522.10:

10. To serve within the district as acting administrator of any pastoral charge in which a pastoral vacancy may develop or where no pastor has been appointed.

Renumber ¶ 521.4 to become ¶ 522.11:

11. To see that the provisions of the Discipline are observed and to interpret and decide all questions of church law and discipline raised by the churches in the district, subject to an appeal to the president of the Annual Conference.

Renumber ¶ 522.1 to become ¶ 523.1 and amend as follows:

¶ *522* ¶ **523.** Program.—1. To *administer* **oversee** the programs of the Church within the bounds of the district in cooperation with pastors and congregations, working with and through the District Council on Ministries where it exists (¶ 737.3). *while serving as its executive officer.*

Renumber ¶ 522.2 to become ¶ 523.2; delete ¶ 522.3:

3. To appraise the needs and mission opportunities of the churches within the district and be available to them for counsel.

Renumber ¶ 522.4 to become ¶ 523.3:

4. **3.** To establish long-range planning with an ecumenically responsive perspective and to initiate new forms of ministry.

Renumber ¶ 522.5 to become ¶ 523.4:

5. **4.** To participate with the Cabinet in submitting to the Annual Conference a report reflecting the state of the conference, with recommendations for greater effectiveness.

Report No. 39

Petitions: MN1655, MN1657, MN1661, MN1662

Subject: Responsibilities of Cabinet

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 71; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1275, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The committee concurred with ¶¶ 523-526 as amended:

Renumber ¶ 523 to become ¶ 524 and amend as follows:

¶ 523 **¶ 524.** The offices of bishop and district superintendent are linked with each other in ways described elsewhere (¶ 503). *The interdependence of the offices calls for a collegial style of leadership. However, both the office of bishop and that of district superintendent are embedded in their own corporate contexts.*

Renumber ¶ 524 to become ¶ 525 and amend as follows:

¶ 524 **¶ 525.** Council of Bishops.—1. Bishops, although elected by Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, are elected general superintendents of the whole Church. As all ordained ministers are first elected into membership of an Annual Conference and subsequently appointed to pastoral charges, so bishops become through their election members first of the Council of Bishops before they are subsequently assigned to areas of service.

2. The Council of Bishops is thus the *corporate* **collegial** expression of episcopal leadership in the Church and through the Church into the world. The Church expects the Council of Bishops to speak to the Church and from the Church to the world **and to give leadership in the quest for Christian unity and interreligious relationships.**

3. In order to exercise meaningful *corporate* leadership, the Council of Bishops is to meet at stated intervals. The Council of Bishops is charged with the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the whole Church, to be executed in regularized consultation and cooperation with other councils and service agencies of the Church.

Renumber ¶ 525 to become ¶ 526.

Renumber ¶ 526 to become ¶ 527 and amend as follows:

¶ 526 **¶ 527.** Cabinet.—1. District superintendents, although appointed to districts, are also to be given conference-wide

responsibilities. As all ordained ministers are first elected into membership of an Annual Conference and subsequently appointed to pastoral charges, so district superintendents become through their selection members first of a Cabinet before they are subsequently appointed to service in districts.

2. The Cabinet under the leadership of the bishop is *thus* the *corporate* expression of superintending leadership in and through the Annual Conference. It is expected to speak to the conference and for the conference to the spiritual and temporal issues that exist within the region encompassed by the conference.

¶ 526.3-.4 would be retained without change as ¶ 527.3-.4.

5. When the Cabinet considers matters relating to coordination, implementation, administration of the conference program, and other matters as the Cabinet and director may determine, the conference council director shall be present. The director shall not be present during the Cabinet discussions on matters related to the making of appointments.

Report No. 40

Petitions: MN1664, MN1668, MN1675, MN1687, MN1695, MN1678, MN1684, MN1700, MN1701

Subject: Responsibility and Process in Appointment Making

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 80; For 78; Against 2; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1276, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 482.*

The committee voted concurrence with ¶¶ 527-531 as renumbered and amended:

Renumber ¶ 527 to become ¶ 528 and amend as follows:

¶ 527 ¶ 528. Responsibility.—1. Pastors and clergy in *extension ministries* **appointments beyond the local church** shall be appointed by a bishop, who is empowered to make and fix all appointments in the episcopal area within which the Annual Conference is a part. Appointments are to be made with consideration of gifts, graces of those appointed, to the needs, characteristics, and opportunities of congregations and institutions, *and to program and missional strategy of conferences and without regard to race, ethnic origin, sex, or color, consistent with the* **with faithfulness to our** commitment to an open itineracy. **Open itineracy means appointments are made without regard to race, ethnic origin, sex, color, or age, except for the provisions of mandatory retirement.** Through appointment-making, the connectional nature of the United Methodist system is made visible.

Renumber ¶ 528 to become ¶ 529 and amend as follows:

¶ 528 ¶ 529. *Definition of Consultation.*—**Consultation and Appointment Making.**—*Consultation means conferring* **Consultation is the process whereby the bishop and/or district superintendent confer** with the pastor and Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, taking into consideration the criteria of ¶ 530, a performance evaluation, needs of the appointment under consideration, and mission of the church. Consultation is not merely notification. Consultation is not committee selection or call of a pastor. Consultation is both a continuing process and a more intense involvement during the period of change in appointment.

1. *Consultation in Appointment-Making.*—The process of consultation shall be mandatory in every Annual Conference.

2. The Council of Bishops shall inquire annually of their colleagues about the implementation of the process of consultation in appointment-making in their respective areas.

Renumber ¶ 529 to become ¶ 531 and amend as follows:

¶ *529.* ¶ 531. Process **of Appointment-Making.—The process used in appointment-making shall include:**

1. *The process for* A change in appointment may be initiated by a pastor, a Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, a district superintendent, or a bishop.

2. The bishop and the Cabinet shall consider all requests for change of appointment in light of the criteria developed for each charge and the gifts and graces, professional experience, and family needs of the pastor.

3. When a change in appointment has been determined, the district superintendent should meet together or separately with the pastor and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee where the pastor is serving, for the purpose of sharing the basis for the change and the process used in making the new appointment.

4. All appointments shall receive consideration by the bishop and the district superintendent(s) and the Cabinet as a whole until a tentative decision is made.

Renumber ¶ 529.5a to become ¶ 531.5 and amend as follows:

5. The process used in making the new appointment shall include: a) The district superintendent shall confer with the pastor about a specific possible appointment (charge) and its congruence with gifts, graces, professional experience and expectations, and the family needs of the pastor identified in consultation with the pastor (¶ 530.2).

b) If the appointment is to a cooperative parish ministry or

to a charge which is part of a cooperative parish ministry, the following shall be included in the consultation process.

(1) The prospective appointee shall be informed prior to the appointment that the charge under consideration is part of a cooperative parish ministry.

(2) The coordinator or director of the cooperative ministry, or, if there is no coordinator or director, a representative of the staff of the cooperative ministry, shall be conferred with concerning the prospective appointment and shall have the opportunity to meet with the prospective appointee prior to the appointment being made.

Renumber ¶ 529.5b to become ¶ 531.6 and amend as follows:

6. The district superintendent shall confer with the receiving Pastor-Parish Relations Committee about specific *possible new pastor and her/his congruence with the criteria developed in consultation with the charge* **pastoral leadership (¶ 530.1).**

Renumber ¶ 529.5c to become ¶ 531.7:

7. When appointments are being made to less than full-time ministry, the district superintendent shall consult with the minister to be appointed and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee regarding proportional time, salary, and pension credit.

Renumber ¶ 529.5d and divide to become ¶ 531.8 and .9 as amended:

8. If during the consultative process it is determined by the bishop and Cabinet that this decision should not be carried out, the process is to be repeated until the bishop, basing his/her decision on the information and advice derived from consultation, makes and fixes the appointment.

9. A similar process of consultation shall be available to persons *in extension ministries* **in appointments beyond the local church.**

Renumber ¶ 529.6 to become ¶ 531.10 and amend as follows:

10. When the steps in the process have been followed and completed, the *The* announcement of that decision shall be made to all parties directly involved in the consultative process; that is, the appointment cabinet, the pastor, and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, before a public announcement is made.

Amend ¶ 530 as follows:

¶ 530. Criteria.—Appointments shall take into account the

unique needs of a charge in a particular setting and also the gifts and graces of a particular pastor. To assist bishops, Cabinets, pastors, and congregations to achieve an effective match of charges and pastors, criteria must be developed and analyzed in each instance and then shared with pastors and congregations.

1. Congregations.—*The district superintendent and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of all churches shall develop criteria consistent with the needs, characteristics, and opportunities for mission of the charge. These shall be annually reviewed, updated, and filed with the district superintendent.* **The district superintendent shall develop with the pastor and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of all churches profiles reflecting the needs, characteristics, and opportunities for mission of the charge consistent with the church's statement of purpose (¶ 518.1). These profiles shall be reviewed annually and updated when appropriate to include:**

a) The general situation in which a congregation finds itself in a particular setting: size, financial condition, quality of lay leadership, history.

b) The convictional stance of the congregation: theology; prejudices, if any; spiritual life.

c) The ministry of the congregation among its people for the sake of the community: service programs, basis for adding new members, reasons for losing members, mission to community and world, forms of witness.

d) The qualities and functions of pastoral ministry needed to fulfill the mission and goals of the congregation.

2. Pastors.—The district superintendent and the pastor shall identify the pastor's gifts, graces, and professional experience and expectations, and also the needs and concerns of the pastor's spouse and family:

a) Spiritual and personal sensibility: personal faith, call and commitment to ordained ministry, work through the institutional Church, integration of vocation with personal and family well-being, life-style.

b) Academic and career background: nature of theological stance, experience in continuing education, professional experience, record of performance, age.

c) Skills and abilities: in church administration, leadership development, worship and liturgy, preaching and evangelism, teaching and nurturing, counseling and group work, **ability to work in cooperation, and** ability in self-evaluation **and other relational skills.**

d) Family situation: health and educational needs of the family, and the spouse's career.

Renumber ¶ 531 to become ¶ 532 and amend as follows:

¶ *531* ¶ 532. Frequency.—While the bishop shall report all pastoral appointments *as they exist* to each regular session of an Annual Conference, appointments to charges may be made at any time deemed advisable by the bishop and Cabinet.

Report No. 41

Petitions: MN1011
Subject: Moral Standards for Diaconal Ministers
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 90; For 80; Against 7; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1277, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.
The committee concurred with the following addition to the Book of Discipline, p. 171, Par. 304.1:

On line 8 following "mental and emotional maturity . . ." insert **fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness.**

Report No. 42

Petitions: MN1019
Subject: Qualifications for Diaconal Ministry
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1278, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred with Par. 306 as follows:
In ¶ 306.1 add the following:

1. Each candidate must have been in candidacy for diaconal ministry for at least one year.

In ¶ 306.2 insert the following:

2. Each candidate must have been employed for a minimum of one year **immediately preceding consecration and currently employed** in a position approved by the board consistent with ¶ 310.1.

In ¶ 306.3a amend as follows:

a) Must have received a bachelor's degree **or demonstrate competency equivalence** from a college or university listed by the University Senate or approved by a regional or state accrediting agency. *or competency equivalence as approved by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.*

In ¶ 306.3b amend as follows:

b) Must have: (1) received a graduate theological or *equivalent*

master's degree from a graduate school listed by the University Senate or approved by a regional or state accrediting agency; or (2) received competency equivalence to the graduate, theological, or professional degree as approved by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry or (3) completed the academic requirements for professional certification; or (4) been commissioned by the General Board of Global Ministries for service either in the United States or in other countries.

In ¶ 306.3 amend as follows:

c) Must have completed the basic studies of the Christian faith—Bible, theology, church history (including United Methodist history), mission of the Church in the world, United Methodist doctrine and polity—either through a graduate degree program or through the Foundational Course of Study for Diaconal Ministers **under the supervision and verification of the Division of Diaconal Ministry.**

The Board of Diaconal Ministry shall require an official transcript of credits from each applicant before recognizing any of the applicant's educational claims. In case of doubt, the board may submit a transcript to the Division of Diaconal Ministry for evaluation.

Report No. 43

Petitions: MN1018

Subject: Rights of Diaconal Ministers

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 102; For 101; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1279, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The committee voted concurrence with the Par. 309.1 as amended:

In ¶ 309.1 amend as follows:

¶ 309. Rights of Diaconal Ministers. 1. The diaconal minister **who is in a full-time service appointment** shall *be seated* **have the rights of voice and vote** in the Annual Conference where church membership is held; *and given the privilege of the floor;* shall be eligible to serve as a lay person on boards, commissions, or committees of the Annual Conference and hold office on the same; shall be eligible for election as a lay delegate to the General or Jurisdictional Conference.

Report No. 44

Petitions: MN1009, MN1028, MN1030, MN1033, MN1035

Subject: Diaconal Relationships to Employer and Conference

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 90; For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1280, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred with the following Pars. 310, 311, 313, 315, and 316 as follows:
In ¶ 310.1c amend as follows:

c) Through other ministries which extend the witness and service of Christ's love and justice in the world **through equipping persons to fulfill their own calls to Christian service.**

Insert new ¶ 310.4 to read as follows:

4. A diaconal minister may serve less-than-full-time. This shall mean that a specified amount of time agreed upon by the bishop and the cabinet, the diaconal minister, and the Annual Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry is devoted to the work of ministry in the field of service to which the person is appointed by the bishop. At his or her own initiative, a diaconal minister may request and the bishop may approve a service appointment to less than full time service provided that the following conditions are met:

a) The diaconal minister shall present a written request to the bishop and the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry, giving rationale for the request at least six months prior to the annual conference at which the service appointment is to be made.

b) Reappointment to less than full time service shall be requested of the bishop by the diaconal minister annually and shall be approved annually by the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry.

c) The bishop may make an ad interim service appointment of less than full-time service upon request of a diaconal minister with the recommendation of the executive committee of the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry. Action by the entire Board shall be taken on the appointment prior to the next Annual Conference.

In ¶ 311 amend as follows:

¶ 311. Service of Diaconal Ministers—Service must be in a local congregation or larger parish, an agency of The United Methodist Church, an ecumenical church-related assignment, or a ministry which extends the witness and service of Christ's love and justice in the world **through equipping persons to fulfill their own calls to Christian service.** Service shall mean that the person's

entire vocational time is devoted to the work of ministry in the field of *labor* **service** in which he or she is approved by the bishop.

In ¶ 313.1b amend as follows:

b) Maternity/Paternity Leave—Maternity/paternity leave up to one fourth of a year will be available to any diaconal minister who so requests it at the birth or **arrival into the home for purposes of** adoption of a child. During the leave, the diaconal minister's Annual Conference relations shall remain unchanged, and the insurance *claims* **coverage** remain in force. **It is recommended that salary be maintained for no less than the first six weeks of the leave.** Persons desiring maternity/paternity leave should file their request with the personnel committee of the employing agency and the conference Board of Diaconal Ministry prior to its beginning.

Amend ¶ 315 as follows:

¶ **315.** The employing agency in which a **full-time** diaconal minister is serving shall provide:

In ¶ 315.1 amend as follows:

1. Adequate salary, pension benefits, and health care insurance, **and continuing education reflecting the annual conference provisions for ordained elders and the local labor market for comparable positions and equality for comparable work regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, or handicapping conditions.** *all based on the recommendations of the Annual Conference.*

(Editor's note: By action on Report No. 59, different language for Par. 315.1 was substituted; see page 1283.)

Add new ¶ 316 to read as follows:

¶ 316. When a diaconal minister is employed by a local church it is the responsibility of the Committee on Pastor/Parish (Staff-Parish) Relations to act as the employing agent for the Administrative Board. This committee, in consultation with the pastor in charge, shall interview, employ, issue job descriptions and contracts (which clearly state employment practices, including procedures for dismissal, vacation and leave policies), evaluate and terminate employment [¶ 266.2f)(8)] and the diaconal minister shall have full access to the entire committee. [¶ 266.2b)].

Report No. 45

Petitions: MN1032

Subject: Diaconal Minister's Credentials
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 86; For 75; Against 10; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1281, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.
The committee voted concurrence to leave ¶ 312 unchanged.

Report No. 46

Petitions: MN1010
Subject: Termination of Diaconal Ministers
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 112; Present 85; For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1282, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred with new ¶¶ 317-318 as follows:

¶ 317. In United Methodist churches and other employing agencies there shall be an annual review of the diaconal minister's performance no later than 90 days prior to annual conference.

¶ 318. Since diaconal ministers are not guaranteed a place of employment in the church, special attention shall be given to termination procedures which allow time for seeking another service appointment. Notification of dismissal shall provide a 90-day period prior to final termination of employment. The date for termination of employment shall coincide with the date of the annual conference or the date stipulated in the contract, except for causes as listed in ¶ 2621.

In turn, the diaconal minister shall give the employing agency 90 days notice regarding resignation unless the contract states otherwise.

The employing agency shall bear sole responsibility for meeting salary obligations and the annual conference shall not bear any fiscal responsibility for guaranteeing salary continuance.

Report No. 47

Petitions: MN1706
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1283, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred to amend ¶ 723 as follows:

¶ 723. 1. Each Annual Conference at the first session following

the General Conference shall elect for a term of four years a **Board of Ordained Ministry** consisting of not fewer than six ministers in full connection, and where possible at least one shall be a woman. **A minister in retired relationship may be included as a member of the Board.** The board membership should seek to reflect the racial and ethnic character of the conference. Where there is a Board of Higher Education and Ministry, there shall be a Division of Ordained Ministry.

Report No. 48

Petitions: MN1726
Subject: Conference Lay Leader on Episcopacy Committee
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 112; Present 81; For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1284, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred to amend ¶ 725 as follows:

¶ **725.** *Conference Committee on Episcopacy.*—1. There shall be a **conference Committee on Episcopacy** elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference at the session following the General Conference and consisting of three laywomen, three laymen, three clergy persons, and three additional persons to make possible the representation of racial and ethnic minorities, youth, and young adults, and three additional persons appointed by the bishop, provided that at least five of the fifteen persons are clergy, **and provided that one of the lay persons shall be the conference lay leader.**

Report No. 49

Petitions: MN1732, MN1733
Subject: Committee on District Superintendency
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1285, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred to amend ¶ 740.1 and ¶ 740.4a) as follows:

¶ **740.** *Committee on District Superintendency.*—There shall be a Committee on District Superintendency.

1. *Membership.*—This committee shall be composed of **the district lay leader,** two laywomen, two laymen, two clergy, and two at-large members selected to make possible the representation of racial and ethnic minorities, youth, and young adults, and two additional persons appointed by the district superintendent;

provided that at least three of the *ten* **eleven** persons are clergy. Amend ¶ 740.4a) as follows:

a) To support the district superintendent of the district in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church, with special reference to the district where the superintendent has responsibilities. **Part of this responsibility will be an annual recommendation for budget for adequate secretarial support (¶¶ 521.2; 710.1a).**

Report No. 50

Petitions: MN1027

Subject: Equality for Women in Ministry

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1286, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.*

The committee concurred to the addition of a new ¶ 1626.2a) as follows:

a) The Division of Ordained Ministry shall establish resources for the purpose of enlisting and supporting the effective ministry of women, particularly in annual conferences where three percent or less of full members are women.

Report No. 51

Petitions: MN1738

Subject: Training Council Directors and District Superintendents

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1287, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 482.*

The committee concurred with ¶ 1006.12 as amended and new ¶ 1629.4, .5 and .6 as follows:

Amend ¶ 1006.12 as follows:

12. To provide for the training of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries directors *and to cooperate with the Council of Bishops in providing training for the district superintendents* **and to provide jointly with the Division of Ordained Ministry and the Council of Bishops the training of district superintendents.**

Add new ¶ 1629.4, .5, and .6 and renumber:

4. To provide resources to the District Committee on Superintendency and to the annual conference cabinet in the fulfillment of their work.

5. To provide jointly with the General Council on Ministries

and the Council of Bishops the training of district superintendents.

6. To lead, in collaboration with other agencies, the churchwide interpretation and promotion of the Ministerial Education Fund.

Report No. 52

Petitions: MN1704, MN1705, MN1718

Subject: Election and Amenability of Board of Ordained Ministry

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1288, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.*

The committee concurred with amendments to ¶ 723 as follows: Amend and reletter ¶ 723.1 as follows:

¶ 723.1. Each Annual Conference at the first session following the General Conference shall elect for a term of four years a Board of Ordained Ministry consisting of not fewer than six ministers in full connection, *and where possible at least one shall be a woman.* **At least one member of the board will be engaged in an appointment beyond the local church and will represent to the board all other clergy so assigned.** The board membership *should seek to reflect the racial and ethnic character of the conference* **shall include women and ethnic minority persons.** *Where there is a Board of Higher Education and Ministry, there shall be a Division of Ordained Ministry.*

a) This board shall be directly *responsible* **amenable** to the Annual Conference, notwithstanding its organizational relationship within any other program or administrative unit of the Annual Conference. At least two thirds of the members shall be graduates of seminaries listed by the University Senate. Members shall be nominated by the presiding bishop, after consultation with the chairperson of the board, the executive committee, or a committee elected by the board of the previous quadrennium, and with the Cabinet. **To insure adequate board membership, consultation shall include an evaluation of the workload of the board in meeting disciplinary and Annual Conference responsibilities. The Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration shall recommend adequate administrative funds for the board in light of its workload.**

b) It is recommended that each district be represented by a member of the board. The board may invite at least one member of the Cabinet to serve as a member of the board, if the Cabinet is not already represented in its membership. Vacancies shall be

filled by the bishop after consultation with the chairperson or a committee of the board.

c) The board shall organize by electing from its membership a chairperson, *a registrar* **registrars,** and such other offices as it may deem necessary. The board shall designate its executive committee.

d) To insure maximum contact with and support of persons in appointments beyond the local church, the Board shall maintain relationships with all general boards and agencies which have responsibility for persons in such appointments.

Reletter ¶ 723.1d to become ¶ 723.1e:

d) **e)** The board shall meet at least once prior to its meeting at the time of the Annual Conference session and may set a deadline prior to Annual Conference for transacting its business.

Reletter ¶ 723.1e to become ¶ 723.1f:

e) **f)** The board shall select from its own membership an official representative to serve on each district Committee on Ordained Ministry, preferably from within said district.

Amend ¶ 723.2 as follows:

2. The duties of the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry shall be:

a) *To study and interpret ministerial needs and resources of the Annual Conference, with due regard to the inclusive Church, in consultation with the Cabinet and the Division of Ordained Ministry.* **To assume the primary responsibility for the enlistment and recruitment of ordained clergy, by working in consultation with the Cabinet and the Division of the Ordained Ministry, to study and interpret the ministerial needs and resources of the Annual Conference, with due regard to the inclusive nature of the Church.** It shall, with the assistance of the local church Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations, conference agencies, and every minister of the conference, enlist women and men of all races and ethnic origins for the ministry and guide those persons in the process of education, training, and ordination, recommending colleges and schools of theology listed by the University Senate.

Reletter ¶ 418.3 to become ¶ 723.2b and amend as follows:

b) *In accordance with ¶ 723.3a, the Board of Ordained Ministry may* **To** seek from a school of theology information about the personal and professional qualities of an applicant for probationary membership or of a probationary member; provid-

ed, however, that the applicant or member consent to the provision of such information.

Reletter ¶ 723.2b to become ¶ 723.2c:

b) **c)** To receive annual reports on the progress made by each ministerial student enrolled in a theological school and to record credit for work satisfactorily completed.

Reletter ¶ 418.2 to become ¶ 723.2d and amend as follows, adding a new e):

d) *The Board of Ordained Ministry* **It** shall require a transcript of credits from each applicant before recognizing any of the applicant's educational claims. In case of doubt, the board may submit a transcript to the Division of Ordained Ministry for evaluation.

e) The Board shall annually appoint and train a sufficient number of supervising pastors, in each district, in consultation with the district superintendent.

Reletter ¶ 723.2c to become ¶ 723.2f:

c) **f)** To guide the ministerial candidate who is not enrolled in a theological school and who is pursuing the course of study as adopted by the Division of Ordained Ministry.

Reletter ¶ 723.2d to become ¶ 723.2g:

d) **g)** To examine all applicants as to their fitness for the ministry and make full inquiry as to the fitness of the candidate for: (1) annual election as local pastor; (2) election to associate membership; (3) election to probationary membership; (4) election to full conference membership.

Reletter ¶ 723.2e to become ¶ 723.2h:

e) **h)** To provide all candidates for ministry a written statement on the Disciplinary and Annual Conference requirements for the local pastor, associate, probationary, and full membership.

Reletter ¶ 723.2f to become ¶ 723.2i, and add a new j):

f) **i)** To interview and report recommendation concerning: (1) students, not yet elders in full connection, to be appointed to attend school and assigned to a Charge Conference; (2) candidates for ordination as deacons; (3) candidates for ordination as elders.

j) To assign a board member to serve as liaison to retired clergy in the conference.

Reletter ¶ 723.2g to become ¶ 723.2k:

g) **k)** To interview applicants and make recommendation concerning: (1) changes from the effective relation to a leave of absence or retirement; (2) return to the effective relation from other relations; (3) honorable location; (4) readmission of located persons and persons discontinued from probationary membership; (5) sabbatical leave; (6) disability leave; (7) appointment as a student; (8) termination; (9) changes to or from less than full-time ministry.

The board shall keep a record of these changes and the reason behind them.

Reletter ¶ 723.2h to become ¶ 723.2l:

h) **l)** To ensure confidentiality in relation to the interview and reporting process. The personal data and private information provided through the examinations of and by the Board of Ordained Ministry will not be available for distribution and publication. There are occasions when the Board of Ordained Ministry would not report privileged information, which in the judgment of the board, if revealed in the executive session would be an undue invasion of privacy without adding measurably to the conference's information about the person's qualifications for ministry.

Reletter ¶ 723.2i to become ¶ 723.2m and amend as follows:

i) **m)** *To be in consultation with the bishop, through the chairperson or the executive committee, at the bishop's initiative prior to making any transfer into the Annual Conference.* **To be in consultation with the bishop through the chairperson or the executive committee regarding transfers. This consultation is to be at the bishop's initiative and, where possible, to take place prior to transfers into the Annual Conference.**

Reletter ¶ 723.2j to become ¶ 723.2n:

j) **n)** To provide support services for the ordained minister's career development, including personal and career counseling, continuing education, assistance in preparation for retirement, and all matters pertaining to ministerial morale. In providing such support, the board in cooperation with the Cabinet shall give training and guidance to each local Pastor-Parish Relations Committee regarding its work and role.

Reletter ¶ 723.2k to become ¶ 723.2o, amend as follows, and add a new p):

k) **o)** To provide a means of *evaluation and to study matters*

pertaining to the character and **evaluating the** effectiveness of ministers in the Annual Conference (¶¶ 704.5; 266.2f(3); 427). The board shall also interpret the high ethical standards of the ministry set forth in the Discipline.

p) To interpret the high ethical standards of ministry set forth in the Discipline and to study matters pertaining to character (¶ 704.5).

Reletter ¶ 723.2l to become ¶ 723.2q:

l) **q)** To recommend to the full members of the Annual Conference for validation special ministries for which members seek appointment. The appointment to such ministries is the prerogative of the bishop and the Cabinet.

Reletter ¶ 723.2m to become ¶ 723.2r:

m) **r)** To administer the portion of the Ministerial Education Fund for use by the Annual Conference in its programs of enlistment, basic professional educational aid, continuing education, and professional growth of ordained ministers; **and to confer with the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry concerning the same uses for diaconal ministers.**

Reletter ¶ 723.2n to become ¶ 723.2s:

n) **s)** To cooperate with the Division of Ordained Ministry and assist in: (1) the interpretation of current legislation concerning ordained ministry; (2) the interpretation and promotion of the Ministerial Education Fund; (3) the promotion and observance of Ministry Sunday; (4) the supplying of a record of all information, recommendations, and action on each ministerial candidate after each session of the Annual Conference.

Reletter ¶ 723.2o to become ¶ 723.2t:

o) **t)** To promote in the Annual Conference and/or Jurisdictional Conference a system of financial aid to ministerial students. A conference transferring a person with less than three years of active service into another conference may require reimbursement either from the person or from the receiving conference for outstanding obligations for theological education financed through conference funds.

Reletter ¶ 723.2p to become ¶ 723.2u, and add a new v):

p) **u)** To work in cooperation with the Board of Diaconal Ministry, meeting together at least annually, to enhance the total ministry of the Church, recognizing that both diaconal ministry

and ordained ministry are components of the professional ministry of the church.

v) To recommend annually to the Cabinet members in full connection to serve as Counseling Elders (¶¶ 407; 411).

Amend ¶ 723.3 as follows:

3. The board shall *name* **elect** a registrar **and such associate registrars as it may determine; one such associate registrar to be given responsibility for candidacy, including giving leadership to the training and guidance of supervising pastor(s) in each district. A staff executive may be named by the Board to fulfill the functions of registrar.**

a) The registrar shall keep full personnel records for all ministerial candidates, under the care of the board, including essential biographical data, transcripts of academic credit, instruments of evaluation, and where it applies, psychological and medical test records, sermons, theological statements, and other pertinent data.

b) Pertinent information and recommendations concerning each candidate shall be certified to the Annual Conference in duplicate; one copy of this record shall be kept by the registrar and one copy shall be mailed after each conference session to the Division of Ordained Ministry. **The registrar shall forward an acknowledgement of transfer to the pastor of the local church where each newly elected probationary and associate member held membership.**

c) The registrar shall keep a record of the standing of the students in the course of study and report to the conference when required. This record shall include the credits allowed students for work done in accredited schools of theology, in approved course of study schools, or the course of study correspondence.

d) The registrar shall file in the bishop's office for permanent record a copy of circumstances involving the discontinuance of probationary membership or termination of the local pastor status.

e) All files owned by the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be maintained under the guidelines provided by the Division of Ordained Ministry.

Add a new ¶ 723.4:

4. Administrative costs of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be a claim on the conference operating budget. The Board of Ordained Ministry shall have direct access to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration in support of its program.

Report No. 53

Petitions: MN1308
Subject: Rights of Affiliate Members
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 112; Present 76; For 74; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1289, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 419.6 as follows:
Amend ¶ 419.6 by deletion and insertion as follows:

6. Ordained ministers of Methodist or United Churches *in other countries* **from nations other than the United States** serving as missionaries certified by the General Board of Global Ministries within the bounds of *the* **an** Annual Conference *are associate* **may be affiliate** members of the conference, without prejudice to their relationship to their churches of origin.

Report No. 54

Petitions: MN1307
Subject: Eligibility and Rights of Associate Members
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 112; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1290, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred with ¶ 419 (new ¶ 418) as follows:
Renumber ¶ 419 to become ¶ 418 and amend as follows. Delete ¶ 419.1 and .2 and substitute that material in a new ¶ 428.1, and renumber ¶ 419.3-7 to become the new ¶ 418.1-5.
(Editor's note: See Report No. 53 [above] for amendments to old Par. 419.6)

Report No. 55

Petitions: MN1255
Subject: Affiliates as Members of Annual Conference
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 112; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1291, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee voted concurrence on ¶ 412.1 as follows:
Amend ¶ 412.1 by insertion as follows:

¶ 412. General Provisions. 1. The Annual Conference is the basic body of the United Methodist Church. The ministerial membership of an Annual Conference shall consist of members in full connection (¶ 422), probationary members (¶ 413), associate members (¶ 419), **affiliate members (new ¶ 1557.5a)**, and local pastors under full time appointment to a pastoral charge

(¶ 409.1). All ministers are amenable to the Annual Conference in the performance of their duties in the positions to which they are appointed.

Report No. 56

Petitions: MN1745

Subject: Financial Support of Divisions of Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 93; For 64; Against 29; Not Voting 4. (Note: Vote is printed as reported by the committee.—Editor) *Calendar No. 1292, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 471.*

The committee voted to amend as follows:

Amend ¶ 1628 to read as follows:

1. The work and program of the Divisions of Ordained **and Diaconal** Ministry shall be supported from the general benevolences of the Church and the Ministerial Education Fund. Funds received by the board for the divisions from the Ministerial Education Fund shall be restricted to the support of theological schools and the Divisions of Ordained **and Diaconal** Ministry in the development of *its* programs of enlistment, basic professional degree programs, and continuing education **(according to ¶ 920.2 a and b).**

2. Administration and other programs of the divisions shall be supported solely from World Service monies. The associate general secretaries shall recommend through the general secretary of the board to the General Council on Finance and Administration the amount of financial support which should be allocated for the divisions.

Report No. 57

Petitions: MN1737

Subject: Responsibilities of Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 112; Present 71; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1293, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.*

The committee concurred with amending ¶ 1610.1 and 1610.2c as follows:

Amend ¶ 1610.1 as indicated:

1. All persons have the right to receive the full ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Church is aware of its responsibility to provide adequate professional ministry to persons in special situations beyond the local church **which calls for an ecumenical**

ministry to persons of different denominations and faith groups. In order to assure high standards of competency, the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries shall have responsibility for clergy in *extension ministries* **appointments beyond the local church** (¶ 439.1b), such as: chaplaincy in the armed forces, Veterans Administration, industry, correctional **institutions,** health care fields, **community service organizations,** and those other related *ministries* **areas of service** which conference Boards of Ordained Ministry and bishops may designate. Clergy to be appointed to any of the above appointments beyond the local church shall receive ecclesiastical endorsement through the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries.

Amend ¶ 1610.2c as indicated:

c) Endorsement.—*In order to assure high standards of competency for ministers serving in extension ministries, all* **All** United Methodist ministers appointed in the above categories shall receive endorsement from the division prior to such appointment. **Endorsement is affirmation that a person is performing a valid ministry of The United Methodist Church and has presented evidence of having the special training and skills necessary to perform that ministry.** *However,* Provisional endorsement can be granted for appointment purposes to institutions related to an Annual Conference. Specific requirements of various ministries, requiring professional certification, *where applicable,* shall be met prior to endorsement and appointment. The division, through the evaluation of readiness of the candidate for endorsement, shall facilitate *the* entry of clergy into these *ministries* **specialized ministry settings. The Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries shall have the authority to adopt rules of procedure for removal of endorsement, after appropriate recommendations, providing that the rights of appeal shall be adequately safeguarded. An endorsing committee, made up of ordained members of the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries, and chaired by a bishop, shall represent The United Methodist Church in all endorsing procedures.**

Report No. 58

Petitions: MN1741

Subject: Purpose of Division of Diaconal Ministry

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 112; Present 104; For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1294, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The committee voted concurrence on ¶ 1624.7 as follows:
Insert a new ¶ 1624.7 as follows and renumber subsequent subparagraphs .7, .8, .9, .10 to become .8, .9, .10, .11.

7. **To review the Conference Boards of Diaconal Ministry's recommendations of persons to be approved for professional certification by the Division of Diaconal Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.**

Report No. 59

Petitions: MN1038
Subject: Diaconal Relation to Employing Agency
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 112; Present 90; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1295, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 436.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 315.1 as follows:

Adequate salaries, pension benefits with an opportunity to participate in the United Methodist Pension and Benefit Fund, health care insurance, and continuing education. It is expected that these will be guided by the annual conference standards for ordained elders.

Report No. 60

Petitions: MN1035, MN1037
Subject: Diaconal's Relation to a Local Church
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 112; Present 90; For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1296, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.
The committee concurred with ¶ 314.1-314.4 as follows:
In ¶¶ 314.1-314.4 amend as follows:

1. A person appointed as a diaconal minister to a local congregation or larger parish shall be **a member of that local church and** a voting member of *the* **its** Charge Conference *of that local church* or **that of** one of the local churches comprising the larger parish, and *be related to* **a lay member of** the Annual Conference in which that local congregation or larger parish is located.

2. A person appointed as a diaconal minister in a church-related agency within his/her Annual Conference shall *relate to* **be a member of** a local church and be a voting member of its Charge Conference in the community where he/she resides **or in a neighboring community.**

3. A person appointed as a diaconal minister in a church-related agency outside his/her Annual Conference shall *relate to* **be a member of** a local church and be a voting member of its Charge

Conference in the community where he/she resides or shall have *this relationship with* **membership in** a local church within his/her home Annual Conference, in which case he/she shall have an affiliate membership in the Charge Conference of a local church in the community in which he/she resides **or in a neighboring community.**

4. A person appointed as a diaconal minister *in* **to** a ministry which extends the witness and service of Christ's love and justice in the world other than a church-related agency shall *relate to* **be a member of** a local church and be a voting member of its Charge Conference, after consultation with the pastor, in the community where he/she resides **or in a neighboring community.**

5. The diaconal minister shall make a report to the charge conference of which he or she is a member.

COMMITTEE NO. 6
GLOBAL MINISTRIES

C. Rex Bevins, chairperson; Ann Rader Pfisterer, vice-chairperson; Ruth Daugherty, secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 121-124.

Report No. 1

Petitions: GM1038
Subject: Cease Political Involvement
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 108; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 44, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 2

Petitions: GM1068
Subject: Political Activisim
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 118; Present 108; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 45, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 3

Petitions: GM1043
Subject: Establish Ministries Among Unreached Peoples
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 108; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 46, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 4

Petitions: GM1044
Subject: Establish Ministries Among Unreached Peoples
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 47, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 5

Petitions: GM1191, GM1193, GM1194, GM1195
Subject: Delete Pars. 1564 through 1567

Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 48, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee recommends deletion of Pars. 1564 through 1567.

(Editor's note: The deleted paragraphs contained provisions governing the Crusade Scholarship Committee, and were replaced in part by new legislation governing the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries; see Report No. 76, page 1317.)

Report No. 6

Petitions: GM1058, GM1059, GM1061, GM1062
Subject: Establish Ministries Among Unreached Peoples
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 49, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee votes nonconcurrence because nonconcurrence was voted on Reports Nos. 4 and 126.

Report No. 7

Petitions: GM1084
Subject: Purpose of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 50, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee recommends revision of ¶ 1501.

¶ 1501. There shall be a General Board of Global Ministries, **hereinafter referred to as "the board,"** the purpose of which is found within the total mission of the Church. It is a missional instrument of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences, local congregations, and **missionary conferences** in the context of a global setting.

Report No. 8

Petitions: GM1231
Subject: Purpose of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 107; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 51, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 9

Petitions: GM1094

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 52, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.

The committee recommends to amend ¶ 1502.1, Section VIII, the Book of Discipline, by deleting the words *throughout the world* following the word "places"; substituting **Gospel** for *Word.* Following "witness to its meaning" add **throughout the world, inviting all persons to newness of life in Jesus Christ.**

The paragraph will then read:

1. To discern those places where the Gospel has not been heard or heeded and to witness to its meaning throughout the world, inviting all persons to newness of life in Jesus Christ through a program of global ministries.

Report No. 10

Petitions: GM1088, GM1098, GM1099

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 106; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 53, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 11

Petitions: GM1202

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 106; For 100; Against 6; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 54, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 364.

The committee votes to amend ¶ 1502.10, Section VIII of the Book of Discipline, by deleting after "To" *engage in building;* adding **work within** before "societies and systems"; deleting *where* adding **so that.**

The paragraph will then read:

10. To work within societies and systems so that full human potential is liberated and to work toward the transformation of demonic forces which distort life.

Report No. 12

Petitions: GM1086

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 55, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with addition of ¶ 1502.14.

14. To facilitate the receiving and assignment of missionaries from churches in nations other than the United States in cooperation with the World Division, the National Division, the Mission Personnel Resources Department, with other boards and agencies, and with annual conferences.

Report No. 13

Petitions: GM1091

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 106; Against 0, Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 56, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 14

Petitions: GM1087

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 106; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 57, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 15

Petitions: GM1093

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 58, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 16

Petitions: GM1096

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 59, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 17

Petitions: GM1097

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 60, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 499.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 18

Petitions: GM1101

Subject: Objectives of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 112, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 499.

The committee recommends that ¶ 1503 be revised as follows:

¶ 1503. Objectives.—1. The objectives of the Board shall be:

a) To establish and review the objectives of the General Board of Global Ministries and the work in mission of The United Methodist Church.

a) To plan for the implementation of the responsibilities of the board in the missional outreach of The United Methodist Church.

b) To establish the appropriate organization of the board and staff to accomplish its program and *achieve established objectives, including writing bylaws, electing officers, establishing committees for its work, and filling vacancies in accord with ¶ 812* **fulfill the responsibilities of the board.**

c) To determine, in cooperation with the divisions, **departments,** and **mission constituencies** *agencies,* the areas to be served and the nature of the work to be undertaken.

d) To determine policy and program, to establish goals and priorities, to project long-range plans, to evaluate the program

and services of the General Board of Global Ministries and its divisions **and departments** as to the progress made in fulfilling its purpose **in accordance with ¶ 1501 and ¶ 1502** and to seek to achieve its objective through the programs of the divisions **and departments** *and agencies* of the *General Board* **board.** *of Global Ministries.*

e) To coordinate and harmonize the work of the **board.** *various units.*

f) To elect or appoint, *on nomination of the divisions, work units,* **according to the bylaws,** *and agencies,* the staff of the **board.** *respective divisions, work units, and agencies, to evaluate staff performance, to remove staff for cause, and to fill vacancies. (¶ 811).*

¶ 1503.1f) shall then read:

f) To elect or appoint, according to the bylaws, the staff of the board.

Delete ¶ 1503.1g):

g) To give direction to the General Board of Global Ministries staff and its work through the assignment of responsibility and the delegation of authority to the executives and through general oversight of the administration.

In its place insert a new ¶ 1503.1g) as follows:

g) To assign responsibility and delegate authority to staff and to provide oversight of the staff.

h) To receive and properly administer all properties, *and* trust funds, permanent funds, annuity funds, and other special funds. *coming into possession of the board as a board for missionary and other purposes in accordance with ¶¶906.6, .8, 907.3.*

i) To **receive,** secure, appropriate, and *spend money* **expend funds,** to underwrite its program and *achieve* **fulfill** its *objectives* **responsibilities.**

j) To receive and act upon the reports of *the* **its** divisions, *and work units* **departments, committees** and their staff. *the treasurers, the official reports from all its committees, and all other reports related to program.*

k) To make a report of its activities during the quadrennium to the General Conference. *and the Jurisdictional Conferences.*

l) To *assist the organization and maintenance* **develop and maintain** cooperative relations with **other** boards, *committees, commissions,* and *other* agencies of the General Conference and with *the* Jurisdictional, Central, and Annual **and Missionary** Conferences. *boards and committees.*

m) To be responsible for implementing a policy stating that

The United Methodist Church is not a party to any interdenominational agreement that limits the ability of any Annual Conference in any jurisdiction to develop and resource programs of ministry of any kind among Native Americans, including the organization of local churches where necessary.

2. The board shall develop and maintain cooperative working relationships *between its divisions and work units; with other general boards, commissions, and agencies of The United Methodist Church; and* with colleague churches and ecumenical agencies on matters of mutual concern in the implementation of Disciplinary responsibilities.

3. The General Board of Global Ministries, through its World Division, shall facilitate and coordinate the program relationships of other program agencies of The United Methodist Church *to* **with** colleague churches and agencies *outside the United States* **in nations other than the United States.**

Report No. 19

Petitions: GM1102
Subject: Objectives of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 107; For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 113, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 499.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 20

Petitions: GM1085
Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 107; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 114, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 499.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 21

Petitions: GM1090
Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 107; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 115, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 499.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 22

Petitions: GM1005

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 116, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 721.5 as follows:

5. The Annual Conference shall either establish a Committee on Parish and Community Development or assign this responsibility to an existing agency in the Annual Conference that will fulfill these responsibilities as related to the objectives and scope of the National Division, Board of Global Ministries (¶ 1529). The committee shall initiate and develop programs with: *Agencies* **institutional and voluntary ministries** related to the National Division, Church and Community Ministry, Congregational Development, Town and Country Ministries, Urban Ministries, and other concerns as desired. The committee may form subcommittees for these areas. The committee shall be accountable to the conference Board of Global Ministries, or to such other *agencies* **agency** as the conference may determine. The chairperson of the committee and the chairperson of the subcommittees shall be members of the conference Board of Global Ministries or such body to which the committee shall be amenable.

Change ¶ 721.5c as follows:

c) Responsibilities of the subcommittee on *agencies* **institutional and voluntary ministries** related to the National Division may include developing a relationship to all such *agencies* **institutional and voluntary ministries** within the Annual Conference; consulting with them in cooperative planning and strategy for the implementation of national mission concerns relative to needs in the area of social welfare as implemented through the ministries of community centers, residences, health care agencies, schools and other educational agencies and working with funding sources to provide the support needed for effective service in such agencies.

Report No. 23

Petitions: GM1065

Subject: Policies of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 118; Present 104; For 102; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 117, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 499.
The committee recommends to General Conference for referral to the General Board of Global Ministries for further information.

Report No. 24

Petitions: GM1055
Subject: Mission Witness to Tibetan Refugees
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 118; Present 107; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 118, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 499.
The committee recommends to General Conference for referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 25

Petitions: GM1036
Subject: Mission Society for United Methodists
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 118; Present 117; For 104; Against 10; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 119, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 361.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 26

Petitions: GM1035, GM1045, GM1049, GM1060, GM1072, GM1074, GM1079, GM1080
Subject: Alternate Mission Society
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 106; Against 3; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 329, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 360.
The committee recommends to the General Conference for referral to the General Board of Global Ministries and Council of Bishops, with the following resolution:

Be it resolved that we implement the clear direction of the Episcopal Address to the 1984 General Conference as it states:

"We support the Board of Global Ministries as the sole sending agency of missionaries and disapprove the organization of another sending agency in competition with it. However, in fairness to the concerns of those who feel the necessity for a second agency, we urge that measures be taken to assure our people that evangelization and evangelism are a vital part of the philosophy and practice of mission by the board and that its staff is committed to Wesleyan theology";

Therefore, the directors and staff persons of the General Board

of Global Ministries confer with directors and staff persons of The Mission Society for United Methodists with the purpose of those conferences being to strengthen and to enhance the witness to our Savior, Jesus Christ through the mission of The United Methodist Church throughout the world.

Report No. 27

Petitions: GM1171
Subject: Purposes of UMCOR
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 109; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 330, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends adoption of ¶ 1537, as amended.
United Methodist Committee on Relief **Department.**

¶ 1537. Purpose.—The United Methodist Committee on Relief shall have as its purpose assisting churches in direct ministry to persons in need *These ministries shall be administered in the spirit of Jesus Christ* through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service: to refugees, to those suffering from root causes of hunger and their consequences, and to those caught in other distress situations. **These ministries shall be administered in the spirit of Jesus Christ,** *These* shall advance the dignity of persons without regard to religion, race, nationality, or sex, and shall seek to enhance the quality of life in the human community.

Report No. 28

Petitions: GM1172
Subject: Purposes of UMCOR
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 108; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 331, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1538, as amended.

6. To work with ecumenical agencies in fulfilling department responsibility.

7. To participate in the promotion of the One Great Hour of Sharing and to administer its receipts.

6. 8. To communicate with *the* **Annual Conferences** and churches concerning appeals for help.

Report No. 29

Petitions: GM1173
Subject: Sources of Funds for UMCOR

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 109; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
(Note: Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 332, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1539, as amended.

¶ 1539. Finances.—Sources of funds for the *division* **department** shall include: voluntary gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing offering, Advance special gifts, supplementary gifts of United Methodist Women, church-wide appeals made by authority of the Council of Bishops and the General Council on Finance and Administration, and designated benevolence funds. *Financial responsibility* **Sources** of funds for administrative functions of the General Board of Global Ministries shall *not* be *a claim against funds* **other than designated funds** for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Financial promotion shall be by the **Mission** Education and Cultivation *Division* **Department** and the Standing General Commission on Communications, in consultation with the associate general secretary of the *division* **department.**

Report No. 30

Petitions: GM1177
Subject: Organization of UMCOR
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 110; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 333, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1544, as amended.

¶ 1544. Organization.—In fulfilling its purpose *of assisting churches in direct ministry to persons in need,* the United Methodist Committee on Relief shall:

Amend ¶ 1544.1 as follows:

1. Relate to other divisions and **departments** *work units* of the **General** Board of Global Ministries in carrying out assigned functions and responsibilities by:

Amend ¶ 1544.1c as follows:

c) Consulting/cooperating with the *Committee on Personnel in* Mission **Personnel Resources Department** in regard to short-term volunteers. *in meeting emergency needs.*

Amend ¶ 1544.3 as follows:

3. Cooperate with colleague churches, *and* ecumenical bodies, **and interdenominational agencies** in responding to their requests for short-term volunteers. *in meeting emergency needs.*

Report No. 31

Petitions: GM1178

Subject: Composition of UMCOR Executive Committee, General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 334, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1545, as amended.

¶ 1545. The United Methodist Committee on Relief shall elect an executive committee which shall have the powers granted to it by the *division* **department.** It shall be composed of five members, including the president, vice-president, and secretary of the *division* **department.** The associate general secretary and the treasurer of the *division* **department** and the officers of the board as defined in ¶ 1509.3 shall be members ex officio. At least one half of the *non-episcopal* members shall be women. The executive committee shall meet as determined by the *division* **department** or on call of the president.

Report No. 32

Petitions: GM1179

Subject: Composition of UMCOR Program Department

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 107; Against 2; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 335, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1546, as amended.

¶ 1546. Membership.—**The basic membership of** The United Methodist Committee on Relief **Program Department** shall be *composed of twenty-one board members as follows: nineteen persons named in a manner consistent with* **constituted in accord with the bylaws of the board and consistent with provisions of** ¶ 1512.3. *and two bishops. In addition, seven members of the division shall be elected in such manner as the division may determine, whose special knowledge or experience would increase the competence of the division.* **The number of additional members shall be determined as provided in the**

bylaws and consistent with ¶ 809. The associate general secretary and treasurer of the *division* **department** and the officers of the board as defined in ¶ 1509.3 shall be members ex officio.

Report No. 33

Petitions: GM1127

Subject: Change Education and Cultivation Division to Mission Education and Cultivation Department

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 110; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 336, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1513, as amended.

Education and Cultivation Division
Mission Education and Cultivation Department

Amend ¶ 1513.1 as follows:

Purpose.—*1.* The *Education and Cultivation Division* **Mission Education and Cultivation Department** exists:

a) To undergird the total program of the General Board of Global Ministries affirming that relating persons to mission through communication, education, and cultivation is itself mission.

b) To initiate and develop programs and resources through which individuals and groups may understand the biblical background and theological basis of the Christian world mission, the involvement of The United Methodist Church in global ministries, the special concerns of women in mission, and the possibilities for personal and corporate witness, involvement in and support of those ministries.

Delete ¶ 1513.2, which reads as follows:

2. Objectives.—The objectives of the Education and Cultivation Division shall be:

a) To strengthen local congregations in global outreach and to enable persons to participate more actively in the mission of the Church.

b) To promote understanding, participation in, and support of the global ministries of The United Methodist Church through study and use of resources.

c) To cultivate through appropriate channels of the Church, financial support for global ministries including Advance specials.

Report No. 34

Petitions: GM1106

Subject: Education and Cultivation Matter of Service and Support

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 337, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 35

Petitions: GM1054
Subject: Mission Resources Available to Children and Youth
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 338, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The committee recommends the addition of **c)** to ¶ 1513.1. Under "Education and Cultivation Division" of the 1980 *Book of Discipline* to read:

c) To initiate and develop programs and resources through which children and youth may understand the mission of the Church. This should be done by the Mission Education and Cultivation Department in cooperation with the Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 36

Petitions: GM1129
Subject: Program Responsibilities of Mission Education and Cultivation Department
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 339, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1514 as amended.

¶ 1514. Responsibilities.—The **program** responsibilities of the *Education and Cultivation Division shall be* **Mission Education and Cultivation Department are:**

1. To interpret to the Church the programs, plans, and policies of the board and to plan and promote emphases on global ministries.

2. To initiate and develop in consultation with appropriate *divisions/work units* **divisions/departments** programs and resources through which individuals and groups may understand and participate in the global ministries of the Church and to make known channels through which these ministries may be supported.

3. To prepare, sell, and distribute printed, *and* audio-visual

and video and other electronic resources and periodicals for the General Board of Global Ministries.

4. To cultivate, through channels of the Church other than United Methodist Women, the Advance special gifts for national and overseas ministries administered by *the National, World, and United Methodist Committee on Relief divisions*, **the National and World divisions, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief Department,** in accordance with the General Council on Finance and Administration, assuming responsibility for providing information to the donors (¶ 913).

5. To work with ecumenical agencies in fulfilling department responsibilities.

5. **6.** To develop and coordinate the plans for cultivating mission giving in consultation with the *other divisions of the General Board of Global Ministries*, **divisions and departments of the General Board of Global Ministries,** the General Board of Discipleship, the General Council on Finance and Administration, and the Standing General Commission on Communication, subject to and in harmony with the general financial system of The United Methodist Church as adopted by the General Conference.

6. **7.** To cooperate with the Curriculum Resources Committee of the General Board of Discipleship, in providing opportunities for missional involvement and understanding at all age levels (¶ 1325).

7. **8.** To cooperate with the Standing General Commission on Communication in all ways as mutually agreed upon, including communications, training, audio-visual **and video and other electronic** production, benevolence interpretation, and other areas of common concern.

9. To cooperate with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in providing an emphasis on mission education in the seminaries.

8. **10.** To cooperate with *other* divisions, **departments,** Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences, district superintendents, pastors, local churches, United Methodist Women, men's groups, and other groups within the Church in fulfilling these *functions* **responsibilities.**

Report No. 37

Petitions: GM1130

Subject: Responsibilities of Education and Cultivation Division

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 108; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 340, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The legislative committee recommends amending ¶ 1514 by adding a new paragraph to become ¶ 1514.11.

11. To coordinate the itineration of missionaries on furlough, retired, or on home assignment, providing to them a specific period of training and assistance in effective communication to include audio-visual techniques, public speaking, briefing on current issues, an overview of the Board's work, and an expert's critique of their planned presentation and slides.

Report No. 38

Petitions: GM1131

Subject: Authority of Mission Education and Cultivation Department

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 341, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1515 as amended.

¶ 1515. Authority.—*The Education and Cultivation Division* **The Mission Education and Cultivation Department** shall have **the** authority to make bylaws, *and* to regulate its proceedings in harmony with the charter of the board, and with the approval of the board to develop and carry out *the* **its** responsibilities *described in ¶ 1514;* **(¶ 1514);** *to recommend to the board and the Women's Division appropriations for its work, and* **to recommend a budget for the Department to the general secretary, to the Women's Division, and United Methodist Committee on Relief Department;** to receive and administer funds allocated to it *by the board and its divisions;* and to solicit Advance special funds for the work of the *World, National, and United Methodist Committee on Relief divisions,* **World Division, National Division, and United Methodist Committee on Relief Department,** in cooperation with the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Report No. 39

Petitions: GM1133

Subject: Executive Committee and Cultivation Department

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 107 ; Against 2; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 342, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1516 as amended.

¶ 1516. Executive Committee.—There shall be an executive committee whose **composition, duties, and** powers shall be determined by the *division* **department.** *It shall be composed of the president, vice-president, and secretary of the division, and seven members of the division; the associate general secretary and the treasurer of the division, ex officio without vote.* One half of the members shall be women elected in accordance with ¶¶ 1512.3 and 1550.

Report No. 40

Petitions: GM1134

Subject: Composition of Education and Cultivation Department

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 108; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 343, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1517 as follows:

¶ 1517. Membership.—The Education and Cultivation Division shall be composed of twenty members, consistent with ¶ 1512.3: eight persons; one bishop; and ten persons, two each who are members of each of the other five divisions. One of the twelve must be a bishop. In addition, eight members at large of the division shall be elected in such manner as the division shall determine for their special competencies.

In its place insert the following so that ¶ 1517 reads:

¶ 1517. Membership.—The basic membership of the Mission Education and Cultivation Department shall be in accordance with the bylaws of the board and consistent with the provisions of ¶ 1512.3. The number of additional members shall be determined as provided in the bylaws and consistent with ¶ 809.

Report No. 41

Petitions: GM1184

Subject: Composition of Women's Division

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 110; For 108; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 344, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1554 as amended.

¶ 1554. Membership.—The Women's Division shall be composed of board members as follows: one of the episcopal members of the board, with residence in the United States; six basic members of the board;:two clergy in full connection, two laymen, and two laywomen; and fifty-eight women, forty of whom shall be nominated by the jurisdictional organizations of United Methodist Women and elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences (¶ 634.4); five shall be the jurisdiction presidents of United Methodist Women,; and thirteen shall be elected by the division to board membership. *In addition, ten members at large of the division only may be elected in such manner as the division shall determine.* **The number of additional members shall be determined as provided in the bylaws of the board and consistent with ¶ 809.** Officers of the board (¶ 1509.3), the *associate* **deputy** general secretary, and the treasurer of the division shall be members ex officio.

Report No. 42

Petitions: GM1185
Subject: Composition of Women's Division
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 102; Against 7; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 345, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.
The legislative committee votes nonconcurrence because of approval of Report No. 41.

Report No. 43

Petitions: GM-AD1120
Subject: Composition of General Agencies
Date: May 4, 1984
Membershp 118; Present 110; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 346, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 44

Petitions: GM1181
Subject: Organization of Women's Division
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 347, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1550:
¶ 1550.Organization.—The Women's Division shall elect an

executive committee which shall exercise the powers of the division ad interim. It shall be composed of nineteen members, of whom the division shall elect six to serve on the executive committee of the World Division, six to serve on the executive committee of the National Division, two to serve on the executive committee of the *Education and Cultivation Division* **Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department.** Members of the executive committee may also be named by the division to serve on other *divisional* **program department executive committees.** The *associate* **deputy** general secretary and the treasurer of the division and the officers of the board as defined in ¶ 1509.3 shall be members ex officio.

Report No. 45

Petitions: GM1057
Subject: New Name for Women's Organization
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 109; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 348, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 46

Petitions: GM1180
Subject: Responsibility of Women's Division
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 109; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 349, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends to General Conference for referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 47

Petitions: GM1183
Subject: Ensure that No UMW Funds Sent to Condone or Promote Homosexuality
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 110; For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
(Note: Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 350, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 432.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 48

Petitions: GM1104
Subject: Authority of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 69; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 351, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1504 as amended.

¶ 1504. Authority of the Board.—The General Board of Global Ministries shall have authority to make bylaws and regulate its proceedings in harmony with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting thereon at a regular or special meeting, provided that **required** notice of such amendment has previously been given to the members. The board shall have the power and right to do any and all things which shall be authorized by its charter. It shall have authority to develop and carry out its *functions* **responsibilities** as described in ¶ 1502; to buy, acquire, or receive by gift, devise, or bequest property, real, personal, and mixed; to hold, mortgage, sell, and dispose of property; to sue and be sued; to borrow money in case of necessity in a manner harmonious with ¶¶ 906-907; to develop and maintain ecumenical relations to carry out its responsibilities; and to administer its affairs through **the board and** its respective divisions, **departments,** and *joint agencies*, **committees.**

Report No. 49

Petitions: GM1103
Subject: Authority of Divisions and Departments
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 69; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 352, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1505 as amended.

¶ 1505. Authority of the Divisions **and Departments.**—The divisions **and departments** shall have authority to make bylaws and to regulate their proceedings in harmony with the charter of the board and, with its approval, to develop and carry out the functions of the divisions **and departments;** to buy and sell property; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the board's regulations and ¶¶ 906-907; and to recommend the appropriation of their funds for the work *of the joint agencies* of the board.

Report No. 50

Petitions: GM1107
Subject: General Administrative Committee of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 69; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 353, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1507 as amended.

¶ 1507. *General Executive Committee* **Administrative Committee.**—There shall be *a general executive* **an administrative** committee whose membership and powers shall be determined by the board.

Report No. 51

Petitions: GM1108
Subject: Corporate Officers of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 354, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 432.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1508 as amended:

¶ 1508. Corporate Officers.—1. Board Officers.—The board shall elect as its corporate officers a president, *six* **three** vice-presidents who shall be the *chairpersons* **presidents** of the divisions, a treasurer, a recording secretary, and such other officers as it shall deem necessary.

The Women's Division shall elect its **president** *chairperson*, who shall be one of the *six* **three** vice-presidents of the board. The board shall determine the powers and duties of its officers.

2. Division and *Work Unit* **Department** Officers.—**The board shall elect the chairpersons of the four departments.** Each division *and work unit* shall elect **at least one** *one or more* vice-presidents,. **Each department shall elect a vice-chairperson. Each division and department shall also elect a** treasurer, a recording secretary, and such other officers as it shall deem necessary.

Vacancies shall be filled by the divisions and *work units and* **departments** or their executive committees. The divisions and *work units and* **departments** shall determine the power and duties of their officers.

Report No. 52

Petitions: GM1110
Subject: Elected Staff of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 355, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1509 as amended:

¶ 1509. Elected Staff.—1. Board Staff.—a) The board, through a personnel **and nominations** committee, shall make nominations to the General Council on Ministries for the office of general secretary. **As chief staff officer of the board, the general secretary shall have direct involvement in staff selections.**

b) The board shall elect an associate general secretary for administration, *whose responsibilities shall include the administrative supervision of the staff of the work units.* **a board treasurer, a board planner, and an ombudsperson.**

c) The board shall elect additional staff as needed.

2. Division and *work unit* **Department Staff.**—a) The *divisions shall each nominate* **board personnel and nominations committee,** in consultation with the general secretary of the board, **the divisions, and departments, shall recommend candidates for the positions of deputy and associate general secretaries for election by the board.** *an associate general secretary for election by the board.* The Women's Division shall nominate its *associate* **deputy** general secretary for election by the division and the board after consultation with the president and general secretary of the board.

The *associate* **deputy** general secretaries shall have administrative responsibility for the divisions and shall be responsible to the divisions and to the general secretary. **The associate general secretaries shall have administrative responsibility for the departments and shall be responsible to the departments and to the general secretary.**

b) The divisions and *work units* **departments** shall nominate for election by the board such other staff persons as are deemed necessary to carry out the work assigned.

3. The president, general secretary, and treasurer of the board are ex officio members of the divisions and *work units* **departments** and their executive committees, without vote.

The board shall elect, on nomination of each division **and department** and in consultation with the general secretary, an associate treasurer of the General Board of Global Ministries, who shall have fiscal responsibility for the division **or department.** He or she will be responsible to the treasurer of the General Board of Global Ministries for **board** fiscal procedures and to the **deputy or** associate general secretary for **all division or department** administrative **and fiscal** procedures (¶ 803.7b).

Report No. 53

Petitions: GM1111

Subject: Personnel of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 75; For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 356, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with proposed ¶ 1510.

¶ 1510. Personnel.—1. Selection.—The board and its divisions and *work units* **departments** shall *engage and* elect and appoint staff on the basis of competency and with representation of ethnic and racial minorities, *youth,* young adults, and women.

2. Staff Participation of Women.—a) Of the following staff positions within the board—namely, the general secretary, the treasurer of the board, the **deputy general secretaries,** *and* the associate general secretaries, **the planner, and the ombudsperson** *and of the total elected and appointed staff position of the board*—a minimum of 40 percent shall be occupied by women, **in accordance with policies in ¶ 814.**

Delete¶ 1510.2b, which reads as follows:

b) Of the following staff positions of each division within the board—namely, the associate general secretary, assistant general secretaries, and associate treasurers—a minimum of one third of the total of each division shall be women.

In its place insert a new ¶ 1510.2b as follows:

b) In each division and in each department a minimum of 40 percent of the staff elected to the positions of deputy general secretary, associate general secretaries, treasurer and assistant treasurers, as well as 40 percent of the appointed staff, shall be women.

Report No. 54

Petitions: GM1113

Subject: Hiring Personnel for General Board of Discipleship and General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 76; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 357, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 55

Petitions: GM1114

Subject: Properties and Funds Under Jurisdiction of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 76; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 358, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1511:

¶ 1511.1. All properties, trust funds, annuity funds, permanent funds, and endowments now held and administered by the Board of Missions, the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief of The United Methodist Church; the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and their respective divisions shall be carefully safeguarded. The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church and its divisions **and departments** shall endeavor to invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or funds which make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals outlined in the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and to administer such investments in the interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established. Such properties, trust funds, annuity funds, permanent funds, and endowments shall be transferred to the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church or its respective divisions **and departments** from merged boards and societies only when such transfers can be made in accordance with the laws of the states where the several boards and societies are chartered and on the recommendation of the respective divisions **and departments** and the approval of such boards and societies. Funds of the administrative divisions **and departments** and their preceding corporations and societies which are subject to appropriation shall be appropriated only on recommendation of the respective divisions **and departments** (¶¶ 906.6, .8).

Amend ¶ 1511.2 and .3 as follows:

2. The financial affairs of the board shall be as follows:

a) The income of the divisions **and departments** of the board, exclusive of the Women's Division, shall be derived from apportionments, assessments, or askings distributed to jurisdictions, Annual Conferences, and pastoral charges by the budget-making process of the General Conference in such manner as the General Conference may prescribe, and from church schools, gifts, donations, freewill offerings, annuities, bequests, specials, and other sources from which missionary and benevolence funds are usually derived, in harmony with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church and actions of the General Conference. Funds for the fulfillment of the responsibilities of the Women's Division shall be derived from annual voluntary pledges, offerings, gifts,

devises, bequests, annuities, or money received through special emphases and from meetings held in the interest of the division.

b) Cultivation for Advance specials shall be through channels of the Church other than United Methodist Women.

c) All contributions to and income on all funds of the General Board of Global Ministries or its respective divisions **and departments** should be used for current expenses and annual appropriations unless otherwise designated by the donor.

3. Askings shall be received from the fields, and budgets shall be prepared by the divisions **and departments** in such manner as the board may prescribe, consistent with its constitution and charter, and this combined budget shall be presented to the General Council on Ministries in accord with ¶ 906.

Delete ¶ 1511.4, which reads as follows:

4. The board shall not appropriate for the regular maintenance of its work in any one year more money than was received by it for appropriation the previous fiscal year, except as provided in consultation with the General Council on Ministries.

Report No. 56

Petitions: GM1115

Subject: Investment Policies of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 79; For 76; Against 1; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 359, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 57

Petitions: GM1116

Subject: Location of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 82; For 67; Against 13; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 360, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 429.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 58

Petitions: GM1100

Subject: Volunteers in Mission Organization

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 82; For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 361, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends to General Conference for referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 59

Petitions: GM1092

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 82; For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 362, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends to General Conference for referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 60

Petitions: GM1186

Subject: Responsibilities of World Division

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 102; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 363, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1557:

¶ 1557. Responsibilities.—The responsibilities of the World Division, in order to fulfill its purpose, shall be:

1. To develop and administer the missional relationships of The United Methodist Church with Central Conferences, autonomous Methodist and United Churches, and ecumenical bodies *outside* **in nations other than** the United States.

2. To formulate the objectives and strategies for the world mission of The United Methodist Church, within the context of the cultural and historical understandings out of which relationships have developed with the Christian communities in *other* nations **other than the United States.**

3. To foster the interaction of churches and ecumenical groups in *other countries* **nations other than the United States** with the Church and society in the United States with the purpose of mutuality in the definition and implementation of Christian mission and of international concerns.

4. To administer programs of support for churches and ecumenical bodies *outside* **in nations other than** the United States through the provision of financial resources and the training and support of persons in mission, including missionaries assigned by the division and national persons in service in their own or in other countries.

Add a new ¶ 1557.5 and then renumber.

5. To facilitate the receiving and assignment of missionaries from nations other than the United States, in cooperation

with the National Division, the Mission Personnel Resources Department, with other boards and agencies, and with Annual Conferences.

a) Ordained clergy from Methodist or United Churches in nations other than the United States serving within the boundaries of an Annual Conference as missionaries certified by the General Board of Global Ministries may be affiliate members of the Annual Conference. They may serve local churches, conference or district positions, under the supervision of the bishop. They may also serve in ecumenical, institutional, or United Methodist general agency ministries.

b) Missionaries from churches in nations other than the United States with affiliate relationship to the Annual Conference shall have come in response to the initiative of the agency calling them, under a letter of agreement in which the specific task, the length of term of service, and the responsibilities of each party have been defined to the satisfaction of the affiliated member, the sending Church, the receiving body, and the General Board of Global Ministries.

c) Missionaries from churches in nations other than the United States as affiliated members are responsible to the bishop and to the Conference Board of Global Ministries in the conference where they are serving. They shall submit annually to the bishop, the district superintendent, the Conference Board of Global Ministries, and the charge conference of the local church to which they are related a written report outlining the progress in the work to which they have been assigned. They shall also send copies of this report to the bishop or chief appointive officer of the conference or governing Church body from which they have come.

d) They shall be governed by the privileges and limitations of affiliate members as defined in ¶ 439.4.

*5.*6. To provide services and information which facilitate the advocacy of public policies which support justice according to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and are relevant to the mission concerns and objectives of the World Division and the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 61

Petitions: GM1189

Subject: Composition of Executive Committee, World Division

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 102; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 363, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1560 as amended:

¶ 1560. Executive Committee.—There shall be an executive committee, whose **membership and** powers shall be determined by the division. *with the approval of the board. It shall be composed of fifteen members, including at least one bishop. The associate general secretary and treasurer of the division and the officers of the board as defined in ¶ 1509.3 shall be members ex officio. At least one half of the nonepiscopal members shall be women.*

Report No. 62

Petitions: GM1190

Subject: Membership of World Division

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 102; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 364, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of present ¶ 1563 and substitution of new ¶ 1563.

¶ 1563. Membership.—The World Division shall be composed of thirty board members as follows: twenty-seven persons named in a manner consistent with ¶ 1512.3 and three bishops. In addition, fifteen members at large of the division only shall be elected in such manner as the division shall determine. The associate general secretary and treasurer of the division and the officers of the board as defined in ¶ 1509.3 shall be members ex officio.

¶ 1563. Membership.—The basic membership of the World Division shall be constituted in accord with the bylaws of the Board and consistent with provisions of ¶ 1512.3. The number of additional members shall be determined as provided in the bylaws of the Board and consistent with ¶ 809. The deputy general secretary and treasurer of the division and the officers of the board as defined in ¶ 1509.3 shall be members ex officio.

Report No. 63

Petitions: GM1196

Subject: Delete ¶ 1568

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 105; For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 366, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of ¶ 1568.

¶ 1568. Purpose.—The purpose of the Committee on Personnel in Mission is to facilitate the involvement of qualified people in mission service and to maintain mission personnel issues before the Board.

Report No. 64

Petitions: GM1197
Subject: Delete ¶ 1569
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 367, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of ¶ 1569.

¶ 1569. Responsibilities.—The responsibilities of the committee are to:

1. Promote the opportunities for mission service related to the General Board of Global Ministries throughout the constituencies of the Church.

2. Recruit and select persons for missionary and deaconess service, and to assist the personnel-deploying divisions in training and evaluating personnel and in staffing mission agencies.

3. Assist persons, including missionaries and deaconesses, in discovering ways of fulfilling their missional vocation, through interpretation, referrals, transfer procedures, and career counseling.

Report No. 65

Petitions: GM1198
Subject: Delete ¶ 1570
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 368, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of ¶ 1570.

¶ 1570. Authority.—It shall have authority to set standards and qualifications of missionary candidates, including deaconesses, for service in the United States and overseas; and to constitute the relationship of deaconess and missionary through the act of commissioning.

Report No. 66

Petitions: GM1200
Subject: Delete ¶ 1572
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 369, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of ¶ 1572.

¶ 1572. The staff shall have functional relationship with the personnel-deploying units of the board, including those related to missionaries, deaconesses, voluntary service, and emergency relief; it shall serve as liaison with the Office of Vocation and Career/Life Planning of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Report No. 67

Petitions: GM1199
Subject: Delete ¶ 1571
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 370, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of ¶ 1571.

¶ 1571. Membership.—The Committee on Personnel in Mission shall be constituted by sixteen members of the Board of Directors, including representatives from the personnel-deploying units of the board. One half of the board members of the committee shall be women. The additional members at large may be selected for their professional competence. The associate general secretary for general administration shall be an ex officio member without vote. The treasurer of the board shall serve as treasurer of the Committee on Personnel in Mission.

Report No. 68

Petitions: GM1033
Subject: Accountability for Expenditure of Funds
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 371, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 69

Petitions: GM1081

Subject: UMC Members More Directly Involved in Mission
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 372, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 70

Petitions: GM1037
Subject: Availability of List of Groups Receiving General Board of Global Ministries Funds
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 471, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 432.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence that the General Board of Global Ministries make available a list of full names and addresses, on request only, of every group receiving General Board of Global Ministries funds.

Report No. 71

Petitions: GM1187
Subject: Authority of General Board of Global Ministries through Its World Division
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 472, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with deletion of present ¶ 1558 and insertion of new ¶ 1558.

¶ 1558. Authority.—The World Division shall assist the General Board of Global Ministries to facilitate and coordinate the relationships of other units of the Board of Global Ministries and of other program agencies of The United Methodist Church to churches and agencies outside the United States by providing linkages and participating in the negotiation of such programmatic relationships.

The World Division shall prohibit the use of its personnel as paid or unpaid informer to any official or unofficial intelligence agency of any government.

In its place, insert a new ¶ 1558, as follows:

¶ 1558. Authority.—The General Board of Global Ministries through its World Division shall facilitate and coordinate the program relationships of other program agencies of The United Methodist Church in nations other than the United States (see ¶ 1556.1 and ¶ 1557.1).

Report No. 72

Petitions: GM1063, GM1064, GM1066, GM1067, GM1071

Subject: Policy on Expenditure of General Board of Global Ministries Funds

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 106; For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 473; No action taken.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 73

Petitions: GM1070

Subject: Publish How World Division Funds Spent

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 107; For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 474, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 74

Petitions: GM1052

Subject: Mandate a Churchwide Consultation on "World Mission Today"

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 105; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 475, No action taken.

The legislative committee recommends to General Conference referral of the following to the Council of Bishops and the General Board of Global Ministries:

In the quadrennium 1984-1988 the Council of Bishops shall sponsor a study on "World Mission Today."

Each bishop, in consultation with their conference Board of Global Ministries shall plan and carry out the study by the individual conference. The central conferences shall be included.

At least two members of the Board of Global Ministries directors and at least one staff member from the board shall attend the conference meeting in each annual and central conference to provide a channel of information to the board concerning how the local church perceives mission. Representatives of one or more United Methodist theological schools will be asked to participate in each conference study. Study resources will be made available by the board.

A summary of the results of the study in each conference shall be published by the board as "Mission Papers" and made available on request.

The purpose of the study is to recover and maintain a corporate sense of mission by The United Methodist Church.

Report No. 75

Petitions: GM1188
Subject: Prohibit Use of Informers
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 92; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 476, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends the addition of a new paragraph following ¶ 1558:

¶ 15 . The World Division shall prohibit the use of its personnel as paid or unpaid informer to any official or unofficial intelligence agency of any government.

Report No. 76

Petitions: GM1192
Subject: Mission Personnel Resources Program Department
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 91; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 477, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends substitution of new ¶ 1564-¶ 1572.

Mission Personnel Resources Program Department

¶ 1564. Purpose.—The purpose of the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department is to serve the church in the identification, recruitment, selection, preparation, training, and support of persons in mission service as well as assisting in the identification of opportunities for Christian service, and to represent mission personnel concerns before the board.

¶ 1565. Responsibilities.—1. To administer the Crusade Scholarship Program which enables persons from churches in nations other than the U.S. and from ethnic and racial minorities in the U.S. to prepare for leadership in mission in church and society.

2. To administer the Crusade Scholarship resources in harmony with the mission leadership strategies of the program divisions with fiscal accountability to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

3. To promote the opportunities for mission service related to the General Board of Global Ministries throughout the constituencies of the Church.

4. To recruit and select persons for missionary and deaconess service, and to cooperate with personnel deploying divisions in orientation, training and evaluation of personnel and in the staffing of mission agencies.

5. To recommend persons as candidates for commissioning as deaconesses and missionaries, to supervise and confirm the completion of all requirements for commissioning, and assist in arranging for the act of commissioning.

6. To engage in referral, transfer procedures, and career counseling to assist persons in mission in fulfillment of their missional vocation.

7. To establish criteria and procedures and to develop in cooperation with jurisdictional and conference officers opportunities for persons to participate as short-term volunteers in mission.

8. To work with ecumenical agencies in fulfilling departmental responsibilities.

9. To cooperate with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in matters related to Crusade Scholarships and the preparation of persons to participate in the representative and commissioned ministries of the Church.

¶ 1566. Authority.—1. To write bylaws as may be needed for the operation of the department.

2. To set broad policies and establish criteria for the awarding of grants for leadership development provided through the World Communion Sunday Offering and other sources.

3. To plan for the promotion and interpretation of Crusade Scholarship objectives through the Mission Education and Cultivation Department, the General Advance Committee, and the Standing General Commission on Communication.

4. To set standards and qualifications for the selection and training of mission personnel and otherwise facilitate their participation in mission through the divisions/departments.

5. To constitute the relationships of deaconesses and missionaries through the act of commissioning.

¶ 1567. Executive Committee.—There shall be an executive committee whose composition, duties, and powers shall be determined by the department. One-half of the members shall be women.

¶ 1568. Membership.—The basic membership of the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department shall be in accordance with the bylaws of the board and consistent with the provisions of ¶ 1512.3. The number of additional members shall be determined as provided in the bylaws and consistent with ¶ 809.

Report No. 77

Petitions: GM-AD1236, GM-AD1237

Subject: Centennial Celebration of Methodism in Korea

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 478, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence that the 1984 General Conference recognize the Centennial of the Korean Methodist Church.

Report No. 78

Petitions: GM1616
Subject: U.S. Church-China Church Relations
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 118; Present 104; For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 479; Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 479.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence:

UNITED STATES CHURCH—CHINA CHURCH RELATIONS

Our Faith Affirmations and Historical Understandings of a Relationship with the Church in the People's Republic of China. Throughout the history of the Christian church, changes in the social, political, economic and cultural environment have elicited new, different, sometimes creative, sometimes destructive, responses in the ministry and witness of the church.

The church which re-emerged in the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) in 1979, having been officially closed during the Cultural Revolution in 1966-1976, is striving to shape a new church, a new ministry, a new witness in China. A fundamental task for United Methodists is to develop the perceptiveness and spiritual depth that will enable us to enter into new relationships with the P.R.C. and with this new church. Entering this new relationship requires an honest examination of past patterns of work and relationships, a rethinking of our understanding of the task of the church, and an openness to new ways of being, relating and doing under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

God's Church is called to mission. Individually and together, both the church in the People's Republic of China and the church in the United States (U.S.) are called to find their place in God's mission. This understanding, which forms the basic approach of the United Methodist China program, is founded on certain affirmations drawn from biblical faith and shaped by our contemporary social and historical context.

I. Our faith is in God, Who is One, the only transcending reality, Who is Creator of heaven and earth, Who has made

humankind one, and Who continues to work in human history. God's love is expressed in great cosmic and human events; it is also very personal and individual. Created by God, each individual is loved of God, made for God, and drawn to God.

Faith in God as Creator affirms a common humanity with the Chinese people, a recognition that God relates to and has always been at work in Chinese history and culture and in individual persons. Persons in other cultures have much to learn from the Chinese people and from their experiences. Western values and assumptions cannot be projected as universal for all peoples.

II. God has called into being, through Jesus Christ, a particular people, the Church, and has made them one and has sent them into the world in mission and service to all humankind. Christians are linked to Christians in every nation and place through Jesus Christ. Living their daily lives in separate nations and cultures, Christians seek relationships which draw them into fuller expressions of unity while allowing for diversity and independence.

Churches within each nation have a primary link with one another and are the Body of Christ, the church in that place. They are also linked with churches, the Church, in every other nation, and together are the one Body of Christ in the world. Their unity is a sign to the world of God's intention to reconcile and unite humankind. As God continues working in human history, creating, judging, reconciling and redeeming, so the Church, and the churches, are called to share in this mission to the world.

Fundamental to the mission are acts of thanksgiving:

We give thanks for all those persons, both indigenous and expatriate, through whose lives and ministries the Church has come into being throughout the world.

We rejoice that God stands with all people, especially the poor and the oppressed of the earth.

Christians give thanks wherever the poor of the earth are receiving new life, and affirm this as part of God's work.

Fundamental to mission also are acts of repentance. We are aware of historic links between the missionary movement and Western influence. Christianity must not be used as a tool of Western penetration. While all are sinners and offered God's grace and forgiveness, the Church is called to stand especially with those who are "sinned against." As the church renews its covenant of witness, ministry, and mission, it does so with deep repentance and humility, accepting God's forgiveness and seeking the forgiveness of those it has wronged. Trusting God's

grace and guidance, the Church moves forward with courage to seek new relationships in mission and service.

III. Through the Holy Spirit the Christian community, within and outside the People's Republic of China, is being challenged to respond in new ways to a new China. Together, the Chinese government and people have brought about many improvements in basic physical needs. The attitudes of the people are also changing. Liberation from foreign domination has brought a renewed sense of pride and dignity in being Chinese. Growing self-reliance in overcoming seemingly insurmountable problems has underscored this feeling of self-respect and self-esteem.

In 1949 many Chinese viewed the church in China as a foreign institution, largely supported by foreign funds and personnel, and closely allied with those who opposed the Revolution. While the Chinese Communist Party and Chinese church differ on their views of religious belief, the Constitution now provides for both the policy and practice of religious freedom.

Chinese Christians now reaffirm their responsibility to bear witness to the gospel in the People's Republic of China through Christian communities that are self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating. Responsibility for Christian mission in the People's Republic of China is with the Christians in the P.R.C. Their leaders want no assistance from outside organizations or individuals without mutual consultation and decision. The Chinese Protestant Three-Self Patriotic Movement and the China Christian Council are institutional expressions of these affirmations.

The life of the church in China, as in other countries, is a precious gift offering a powerful witness to the world. Part of the task of the churches outside China is to receive that witness and to allow time and space for it to grow.

Recommendations on U.S. Church-China Church Relations. In her centuries-old struggle for survival, China is an inspiration and a challenge to United Methodists. Where is God in the struggle and pathos of the Chinese people? How does the Church of Jesus Christ share in this history? Our historical involvement as United Methodists with the people of China offers a rare opportunity for us to look at the ambiguous relationships between the Chinese people and ourselves. It forces us toward a new understanding of faith in the Gospel of God which seeks to unite all things in Jesus Christ. A new understanding is primary in all that we do in cooperation with the people of China, and the church in China. Christians in China have requested our new

understanding and underlined this need by asking us to pray for them and for ourselves.

Recommendation 1: That The United Methodist Church provide information, guidance, and encouragement to help its constituency understand the struggles of the people of China, and to pray fervently with informed sensitivity for the people and the church in China.

The church in the People's Republic of China has declared itself to be self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating. The primary responsibility for Christian mission in the People's Republic of China belongs to the church there. We must not act as if the church in the People's Republic of China does not exist, or as if only we are called in mission. We thank God that the church lives in China, and that it is a Chinese church.

Recommendation 2: That The United Methodist Church affirm the selfhood of, respect the autonomy of, and reaffirm our readiness to hear and interact with, the church in the People's Republic of China as together we shape future relationships based on mutuality.

Christians in the People's Republic of China have declared themselves to be in a "post-denominational era." There are now no denominations in the People's Republic of China. There is no Chinese body of Christan believers having an agreed upon polity, creed, rites, etc. What future form of organization, doctrine, ritual the church will take is yet to be determined. Chinese Christians are now concerned that they be allowed to determine these issues within their understanding of the Holy Spirit's leading and without foreign interference. The de-emphasis on denominations in the church in the People's Republic of China is a reminder to United Methodists that the whole Church of Jesus Christ must manifest unity as a sign and sacrament of the unity of humankind.

Recommendation 3: That The United Methodist Church reaffirm its continuing commitment to work ecumenically with other Christian bodies in relating to the church in the People's Republic of China and with the Chinese people.

Christians in the People's Republic of China have made us sensitively aware of the imbalances of relationships between China and ourselves. They have also pointed out the growing disparities between the rich and the poor nations. They have challenged us to examine our involvement with the poor and oppressed in our own society.

Recommendation 4: That The United Methodist Church recommit itself: a) to a sustained program for awareness of the disparities between the rich and the poor; and b) to work with

faithfulness and integrity to create new attitudes and institutional structures which more perfectly manifest the gospel of Christ that all humankind be united. Such efforts include:

1. being sensitive to areas of our national life which exploit peoples of other societies as well as our own;
2. standing with the poor and the oppressed in the U.S. as well as in other countries;
3. examining and learning from the accomplishments and the mistakes in past and present missionary efforts in China and other parts of the world; and
4. being available for mutual ministry with Christians in China, in the United States, and in other countries.

Recommendation 5: That the United Methodist Church also commit itself to a strengthened program of communication and dialogue within The United Methodist Church about the People's Republic of China and the church there.

Report No. 79

Petitions: GM1201

Subject: The Episcopal Address and the Laity Address

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 103; For 100; Against 3; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 480, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.

The legislative committee recommends to General Conference for referral to the General Board of Global Ministries those parts which relate to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 80

Petitions: GM-CS1796

Subject: Resolution on the Church in China

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 104; For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 481, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 81

Petitions: GM1023

Subject: Responsibility of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 118; Present 103; For 100; Against 2; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 482, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 82

Petitions: GM1002

Subject: Election and Responsibilities of Conference Secretary of Global Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 619, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of present ¶ 721.3 and addition of new ¶ 721.3:

3. The conference Board of Global Ministries shall name the necessary liaison persons to work with various divisions of the General Board of Global Ministries.

In its place insert a new ¶ 721.3 to read as follows:

3. There shall be elected annually a conference secretary of global ministries who shall be a member of the Annual Conference board and may be a member of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries. This person shall work with the Annual Conference board and the Annual Conference Council on Ministries to provide the necessary liaison between the Annual Conference and the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 83

Petitions: GM1006

Subject: Cooperative Parishes

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 620, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 84

Petitions: GM1007

Subject: Delete ¶ 721—Relationship to Goodwill Industries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 621, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of ¶ 721.4(a)(21) of the 1980 *Book of Discipline:*

(21) To relate to Goodwill Industries.

Report No. 85

Petitions: GM1140

Subject: Health Care for Refugees

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 622, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends General Conference refer to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 86

Petitions: GM1137
Subject: Responsibilities of Health and Welfare Ministries Division
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 88; Against 5; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 623, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 478.
The legislative committee recommends the proposed changes for ¶ 1519.2:

2. To *formulate* **recommend programmatic** standards, **self-study, and peer review** *to implement the aims and ideals of The United Methodist Church* **that will assist health and welfare institutions and programs to improve their services, and to encourage** *and assist institutions, agencies and programs of service* **them** *in attaining* **to attain** these standards.

Report No. 87

Petitions: GM1135
Subject: Purpose of Health and Welfare Ministries Department
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 624, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1518 as amended:

¶ 1518. Purpose.—The purpose of the Health and Welfare Ministries *Division* **Department** shall be to assist *units of the Church and its people* **United Methodists** to become involved *in direct service to persons in need through both residential and nonresidential ministries* **globally in health and welfare ministries,** especially in the areas of child care, aging, health care, and **persons with** handicapping conditions. *The division shall provide services to assist agencies and programs related to units of The United Methodist Church to be professionally competent and Christian in their work. The division shall make its services available to other units and related agencies and programs of the General Board of Global Ministries to further the*

global mission of the Church; **and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to Annual Conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in direct service to persons in need through both residential and non-residential ministries.**

Report No. 88

Petitions: GM1028
Subject: Health for All by Year 2000
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 625, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution:

HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

Whereas, The United Methodist Church is global in its outreach and has a strong commitment to work with other churches and secular organizations which are concerned about the health of the world's people; and

Whereas, The United Methodist Church has had a long history of medical missions, training of health personnel, support of health facilities, involvement of local churches in health education and direct service programs; and

Whereas, The United Methodist Church affirms health as a condition of physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being to be desired and worked for by all persons, and that all persons are entitled to basic health care, while at the same time having a responsibility to care for their own health and to protect the health of others; and

Whereas, it is recognized that more than anything else people's health is affected by the circumstances of their lives including living and environmental conditions, education and employment opportunities, resources and life style, political and socio-economic realities, spiritual nurture, and supportive relationships; and

Whereas, it has been a part of the prophetic, redemptive and healing ministry of The United Methodist Church to identify always with those persons whose needs are not being met; to focus clearly on those factors which impede individuals and communities in their search for health and wholeness; and to point to what must be done if people are to be freed from those powers and practices which stand in the way of healthy development, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually; and

Whereas, the member states of the World Health Organiza-

tion, including the United States, affirmed in 1977 at the 30th World Health Assembly that one of the most important social goals of the world community in the coming decades should be the attainment by all people of the world by the year 2000 of a level of health that will permit them to lead a socially and economically productive life; and

Whereas, the Director General of the World Health Organization has affirmed that cooperation between sectors of society, with an emphasis on religious as well as secular bodies, is essential toward the goal of Health For All By The Year 2000; and

Whereas, The United Methodist Church through its seven central conferences, seventy-three annual conferences, 38,000 local churches, nine and one-half million members, and its involvement with health ministries around the world, has a unique opportunity to protect and promote health; minister with persons who have illnesses of body, mind and/or spirit; create opportunities for individuals and communities to participate in determining local health priorities and methods for delivery of needed services; identify unmet needs and advocate that those needs be met; and address those political, economic and social factors which contribute to ill health and the unequal distribution of those opportunities, goods, and services which are essential to attaining and maintaining health;

Therefore Be It Resolved That The United Methodist Church joins with the international community affirming Health For All by the Year 2000 as one of the most important social goals of the 20th century;

Asks its annual conferences, central conferences, their related institutions, local churches, and all church members to be informed about the goal of Health For All By The Year 2000, and to work with other groups to develop means of promoting and protecting health, giving particular attention wherever possible to the needs of mothers and infants; children, youth and families; older persons; persons with handicapping conditions; and immigrants and refugees; being aware of how ageism, sexism, racism, handicappism, poverty and other forms of discrimination impede persons and communities in their achievement of health and wholeness; and

Encourages each annual conference and central conference to focus on Health For All By The Year 2000 through its health and welfare unit, or other most appropriate unit; and

Assigns responsibility to the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries to develop and make available interpretive material about Health

For All By The Year 2000 and to suggest ways in which the various units of The United Methodist Church can be involved in this goal.

Report No. 89

Petitions: GM1039, GM1040
Subject: Change Name of Health and Welfare Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 91; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 626, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 364.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 90

Petitions: GM1034, GM1141
Subject: Adoption
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 627, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 91

Petitions: GM1083
Subject: Use of Licensed Adoption Agencies
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 92; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 628, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence that United Methodists planning to enter the adoptive process be encouraged to work only through licensed adoption agencies.

Report No. 92

Petitions: GM1169
Subject: Responsibilities of Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 629, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with deletion of present ¶ 1535.1 and addition of new ¶ 1535.1:

1. To provide the Church with a corps of committed and professionally competent persons who choose to serve under the authority of the Church as deaconesses and home missionaries.

In its place insert a new ¶ 1535.1 as follows:

1. To represent the deaconess and home missionary relationship on a national level and to promote and maintain a corps of professionally competent persons who are committed to service under authority of the Church.

Report No. 93

Petitions: GM1170

Subject: The Office of Deaconess and Home Missionary Service

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 630, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with changes in ¶ 1536:

¶ 1536. **The Office of Deaconess and Home Missionary Service.—**

Amend ¶ 1536.2 as follows:

2. The General Board of Global Ministries shall appoint an *assistant general* **executive secretary of the** *program* office of Deaconess and Home Missionary Service who shall be a deaconess or home missionary.

Delete ¶ 1536.3, which reads as follows:

3. In each jurisdiction there shall be a Jurisdiction Association of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries as described in the bylaws of the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service.

Report No. 94

Petitions: GM1168

Subject: Composition of Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 631, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with changes in ¶ 1534.

1. There shall be a Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service, which shall be advisory to the General Board of Global Ministries **through the National Division** and shall make recommendations to it.

Amend ¶ 1534.2, line 14, as follows:

. . . and the *associate* **deputy** general secretary of the National Division.

In ¶ 1534.2, line 17, last sentence, insert the following word:

The **executive** secretary of the program office of Deaconess and Home Missionary Service (¶ 1536) shall be a member without vote.

Place the following paragraph (originally ¶ 1536.3) after ¶ 1534.4:

In each jurisdiction there shall be a Jurisdiction Association of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries as described in the bylaws of the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service.

Report No. 95

Petitions: GM1047

Subject: Impact of the Depressed National Economy on Black Community

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 632, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the General Board of Global Ministries assisting black United Methodist churches design and implement programs for skill training of displaced black workers in a changing economy, and that the 1984 General Conference call upon the federal government to develop programs to meet needs of low and moderate income persons.

Report No. 96

Petitions: GM1158

Subject: Resolution on Concern and Responsibility for Appalachia

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 633, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the resolution reaffirming missional outreach in Appalachia and urging support for the Appalachian Development Committee and the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 97

Petitions: GM1152, GM1179

Subject: Long Range Missional Strategy Development

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 89; Against 4; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 634, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the following amended addition to *The Book of Discipline*, ¶ 721.5(i).:

In metropolitan areas over 50,000 population consideration shall be given to the establishment of a Metropolitan Commission whose purpose shall be to promote long range planning and to provide a coordinating framework for United Methodism's mission strategy for that metropolitan area. The membership may include the bishop or bishop's representative; the district superintendents involved; a selected group of ministers and laypersons representing the Annual Conference's Board of Global Ministries and their committee on Urban Ministry; the Conference Commission on Religion and Race; the Annual Conference United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men; representatives from community-based ministries; representatives from District Council(s) on Ministries; representatives from other boards and agencies deemed appropriate; and groups and individuals who have skills and experience enabling them to fulfill creative planning and strategy functions for United Methodism in the metropolitan area.

When the metropolitan area includes more than one annual conference, representatives shall be elected from each conference's constituent boards and agencies to the Metropolitan Commission.

Report No. 98

Petitions: GM1017

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 635, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 99

Petitions: GM1016

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 636, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with amendments to ¶ 721.4a)(2)(3), 1980 *Book of Discipline* as follows:

In present ¶ 721.4a(3): (3) To undergird with education, **constructive evaluation,** communication, and cultivation the total program of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Combine present ¶¶ 721.4a)(2) and 721.4a)(3) to become ¶ 721.4a)(2).

Add new ¶ 721.4a)(3) to read as follows:

(3) To interpret to the General Board of Global Ministries the mission program, priorities, and concerns of the Annual Conference and the local churches to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities as an extension of the local church.

Report No. 100

Petitions: GM1018

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 637, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because of action on Report No. 99.

Report No. 101

Petitions: GM1021

Subject: Responsibilities of Town and Country Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 638, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence to amend ¶ 721.5f) in the *Book of Discipline* following "50,000 population": **these shall include small cities of 10,000 to 50,000; rural under 2,500 thus . . .**

The paragraph then reads:

Responsibilities of the Subcommittee on Town and Country Ministries shall include mission development and ministry in rural and town areas with under 50,000 population: **these shall**

include small cities of 10,000 to 50,000; rural under 2,500, thus fulfilling the functions outlined in ¶ 721.5h).

Report No. 102

Petitions: GM1082, GM1138, GM1139

Subject: Urge Annual Conference Provide Benefits for Adoption

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 639, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 103

Petitions: GM1050

Subject: Insurance Coverage for Adoptive Parents

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 641, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 104

Petitions: GM1162

Subject: Responsibilities of Town and Country Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 640, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with amendment to ¶ 721.5h) in the *Book of Discipline* as follows:

On p. 329 of the *Book of Discipline* ¶ 721.5h), line 4 after "parish development," add **district representatives of Town and Country Ministries and Urban Ministries.**

It would then read:

h) Responsibilities of the subcommittees on Town and Country Ministries and Urban Ministries shall include the following: consulting with the bishop, Cabinet, area or conference superintendent/director of parish development, **district representatives of Town and Country Ministries and Urban Ministries,** and the boards and agencies of the conference . . .

Report No. 105

Petitions: GM1025

Subject: Urban and Town and Country Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 642, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because covered in Report No. 101.

Report No. 106

Petitions: GM1020
Subject: Responsibilities of Town and Country Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 643, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 107

Petitions: GM1024
Subject: Study of Multi-Church Charges
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 644, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries with amendments made.

Report No. 108

Petitions: GM1012
Subject: Long Range Mission Strategy
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 645, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence to amend ¶ 721.5f) of the *Book of Discipline* by adding **long range** following "Country Ministries" and **strategy** following "mission" so that it will read:

Responsibilities of the subcommittee on Urban Ministries shall include **long range** mission **strategy** development and ministry for metropolitan communities with over 50,000 population . . .

Report No. 109

Petitions: GM1010

Subject: Establishment of a Commission on Town and Country Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 646, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 110

Petitions: GM1009
Subject: Duties of the Subcommittee on Town and Country Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 647, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 111

Petitions: GM1008
Subject: District Missionary Secretaries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 80; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 648, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 112

Petitions: GM1136
Subject: Health Care Delivery System
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 649, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with reaffirming 1980 policy statement on health care delivery in the United States and used as primary goals during 1985-88 quadrennium.

Report No. 113

Petitions: GM1142
Subject: Responsibility of Health and Welfare Department to Golden Cross and Similar Offerings
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 650, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with deletion of present ¶ 1520 and insertion of new ¶ 1520:

¶ 1520. Certification Council.—The division shall maintain a Certification Council which shall develop criteria and procedures to implement a program of affiliation and certification of health and welfare institutions, agencies, and other programs of services related to a unit of The United Methodist Church providing health care services; service with the aged, services with children, youth, and families; and services with persons with handicapping conditions. Any such agency or program of service in the United States that is related to a unit of The United Methodist Church or looks to The United Methodist constituency for support, or uses the United Methodist name, shall be urged to have its affiliate relationship with a unit of the church verified by the Certification Council and shall be urged to attain and maintain certification under the rules established by the council. However, neither the Health and Welfare Ministries Division nor the Certification Council shall have the duty or take the authority to take any legal action against an agency which looks to the United Methodist constituency for support or uses the United Methodist name and which does not have its affiliate relationship verified (see ¶ 721.4a (24).

Insert ¶ 1520:

¶ 1520. The Department shall, in cooperation with the Education and Cultivation Department and the General Commission on Communication, encourage Golden Cross and similar offerings within each Annual Conference to collect monies and provide other material assistance for care for sick persons, children, youth, older persons, and persons with handicapping conditions especially emphasizing support for those ministries which provide assistance to persons in need.

Report No. 114

Petitions: GM1143

Subject: Relationship of Health and Welfare Ministries Department to United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 651, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with deletion

of present ¶ 1521 and addition of new ¶ 1521.

¶ 1521. National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries.—The division shall cooperate with the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of The United Methodist Church in leadership development and may make available staff and support services available.

Add new ¶ 1521:

¶ 1521. Relationship with the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries.—The department shall work with the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries in leadership development and may make services available to the Association.

Report No. 115

Petitions: GM1144

Subject: Meetings of Health and Welfare Ministries Department

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 652, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.*

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1522 of the Discipline as amended:

¶ 1522. Meetings.—The *Division* **Department** shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the board and at such other times as it shall deem necessary. Written notice stating the place and purpose of all meetings must be given to all members at least ten days prior to the meeting. A majority of the members of the *Division* **Department** shall constitute a quorum.

Report No. 116

Petitions: GM1145

Subject: Composition of Executive Committee of Health and Welfare Department

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 653, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.*

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1523 as amended:

¶ 1523. Executive Committee.—There shall be an executive committee of the *division*, **department** whose powers shall be determined by the *division* **department** subject to approval of the board. It shall be composed of nine persons: the *president*

chairperson, *vice-president* **vice-chairperson**, recording secretary, and six other persons elected by the *division* **department,** one of whom shall be a member of the Women's Division Executive Committee serving on the Health and Welfare Ministries *Division* **Department.**

The executive committee shall include at least two persons from racial and ethnic minority groups. The associate general secretary and treasurer of the *division* **department** shall be members of the executive committee, ex-officio and without vote.

Report No. 117

Petitions: GM1146

Subject: Financial Support of Health and Welfare Department

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 654, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1524 as amended:

¶ 1524. Financial Support.—The *division* **department** shall derive its financial support from World Service and other funds designated for the program of the Health and Welfare Ministries *Division* **Department of the General Board of Global Ministries including such proportion of undesignated gifts as may be determined by the board, and from gifts,** *devices* wills and trust funds given *specifically* **especially** to the Health and Welfare Ministries *Division* **Department.** The *division* **department** shall properly administer special gifts for approved work related to the Health and Welfare Ministries *Division* **Department** *and* cultivated by the **Mission** Education and Cultivation *Division* **Department.** The *division* **department** is authorized to receive financial grants and trusts from private foundations and funds from public agencies and is empowered to act as trustee for the administration of bequests.

Report No. 118

Petitions: GM1149

Subject: Limitation of Responsibility of Health and Welfare Ministries Department

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 655, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1526 as amended:

¶ 1526. Limitation of Responsibility.—The *division* **department** shall not be responsible, legally or morally, for the debts, contracts, or obligations or for any other financial commitments of any character or description created, undertaken, or assumed by any institution *agency* or interest related to a unit of The United Methodist Church, whether or not such institution *agency* or interest shall be approved, accepted, or recognized by the *division* **department,** or shall be affiliated with the *division* **department,** or whether or not the promotion or establishment of the same shall be approved by the constitution of the *division* **department.** No such institution *agency* or interest related to a unit of The United Methodist Church and no officer or member of this *division* **department** shall have any authority whatsoever to take any action directly or by implication at variance with, or deviating from, the limitation contained in the preceding sentence hereof, except as the *division* **department** may directly own and manage an institution in its own name.

Report No. 119

Petitions: GM1161
Subject: Authority and Organization of National Division
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 656, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with amendments to ¶ 1530:

Amend ¶ 1530.1b as follows:

b) The Advance special gifts for work related to the National Division which are cultivated through the **Mission** Education and Cultivation **Program Department** *Division.*

Amend ¶ 1530.1f as follows:

f) funds appropriated by the United Methodist Committee on Relief **Program Department** for coordination of disaster response ministries and church property damage caused by disasters.

Add a new paragraph after ¶ 1530.2 as follows:

To provide financial support and consultative services for new and historically related mission institutions of the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries including community centers, residences, multi-service mission complexes, childcare institutions, schools, and other educational institutions.

Amend ¶ 1530.4 as follows:

4) Receive from Health and Welfare Ministries **Program Department** *Division* counsel and field consultation related to health care and services to the aging and children and youth.

Add a new paragraph after ¶ 1530.4 as follows:

To conduct research and provide information to assist congregational development, cooperative parishes, districts, conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in the identification of the mission opportunities and the structures and programs needed for these opportunities.

Report No. 120

Petitions: GM1163

Subject: Composition of National Division

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 657, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of present ¶ 1532 and the addition of a new ¶ 1532.

¶ 1532. Membership.—The National Division shall be composed of thirty members as follows: twenty-seven persons named in a manner consistent with ¶ 1512.3 and three bishops. In addition, fifteen members at large of the division shall be elected in such manner as the division may determine. These should include men, women, clergy in full connection, youth (under nineteen years of age), young adults (nineteen to thirty-one years of age), racial and ethnic minority representatives, all of whom are to be selected so as to maintain the ratio distribution of membership as adopted by the General Board of Global Ministries in accord with ¶ 1512.3. The division may have members at large to bring into the division special knowledge or background in accord with ¶ 805.2, officers of the board in accord with ¶ 1509.3, and the associate general secretary and treasurer of the division. The division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the board and at such other times as it shall deem necessary.

In its place insert a new ¶ 1532 as follows:

¶ 1532. Membership.—The basic membership of the National Division shall be constituted in accord with the bylaws of the board and consistent with the provisions of ¶ 1512.3. The division number of additional members shall be determined as provided in the bylaws and consistent with ¶ 809.

Report No. 121

Petitions: GM1614
Subject: Composition of National Division
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 658, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 122

Petitions: GM1165
Subject: Appointment of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 659, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with deletion of ¶ 1533.3b, new ¶ 1533.3b; deletion of ¶ 1533.3c, new paragraphs after ¶ 1533.3d renumbered as ¶ 1533.3c; new paragraph before ¶ 1533.6; amended ¶ 1533.8; and new paragraphs before ¶ 1533.8.
Delete ¶ 1533.3b, which reads as follows:
b) Recommendation to an appointment by the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service after consultation with the bishop of the area.

In its place insert a new ¶ 1533.3b as follows:
b) **The office of deaconess and home missionary service processes appointments in consultation with the bishop of the area, in accordance with policies and procedures recommended by the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service and approved by the National Division.**

Delete ¶ 1533.3c, which reads as follows:
c) Confirmation of the appointment by the National Division.

Place the following new paragraphs after ¶ 1533.3d, which must be renumbered as ¶ 1533.3c:
Full-time service shall be the norm for the ministry of deaconesses and home missionaries. Full-time service shall mean that that person's entire vocational time is devoted to work of ministry in the field of labor to which one is appointed by the bishop.
Less than full-time service may be rendered by a deaconess

or home missionary under conditions stipulated in this paragraph:

(1) Three years service are required for eligibility for less than full-time service.

(2) The request for less than full-time service must be made annually to the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service.

Place the following new paragraph before ¶ 1533.6:

A deaconess or a lay home missionary may become a member of the Annual Conference when elected in accordance with ¶¶ 36 and 250.2.

Amend ¶ 1533.8 as follows:

8. *Deaconesses and home missionaries shall surrender their credentials when they are no longer available for appointment by The United Methodist Church.* Persons may be reinstated on recommendation of the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service and with the approval of the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Place the following new paragraphs before ¶ 1533.8:

A deaconess or home missionary shall relinquish the commissioned relationship:

a) when no longer available for appointment as a deaconess or home missionary of The United Methodist Church or

b) when not eligible for appointment as determined by the National Division.

Report No. 123

Petitions: GM1167

Subject: Voting Rights of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 660, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 124

Petitions: GM-CS1650

Subject: Call for White House Conference on Farming and the Food Chain

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 661, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends to General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 125

Petitions: GM1077
Subject: Southwest Border Interagency Cooperation
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 662, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 126

Petitions: GM1053
Subject: Ministry to the Deaf
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 663, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 127

Petitions: GM1051
Subject: Investigate Neglect of Church and Community Worker Proposal
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 664, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 128

Petitions: GM1048
Subject: Increase in Number and Salary for Church and Community Workers
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 665, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.

The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 129

Petitions: GM1042
Subject: Development of Hispanic Congregations
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 666, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends General Conference referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 130

Petitions: GM1022
Subject: Support for Cooperative Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 667, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 131

Petitions: GM1041
Subject: Common Name to Unite Church Development Agencies
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 668, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 132

Petitions: GM1073
Subject: Recognize UM Congress of Deaf
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 669, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 133

Petitions: GM1095
Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 670, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because included in other petitions.

Report No. 134

Petitions: GM1166
Subject: Appointment of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 671, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 499.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence because included in Report No. 122.

Report No. 135

Petitions: GM1152
Subject: Responsibilities of National Division
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 82; For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 672, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of ¶ 1529.1-.12, .14-.28, and the substitution of a new ¶ 1529:

¶ 1529. Responsibilities.—The responsibilities of the National Division shall be:

1. To formulate the objectives and strategies for the national mission of The United Methodist Church; to determine fields of service and nature of the work by consulting with constituents to be served and the church in the vicinity, and to establish governing policies and evaluative procedures for measuring effectiveness.

2. To study and establish division strategies for the implementation of new forms of mission which deal with national mission concerns.

3. To develop, administer, and supervise the national mission program within the context of the objectives and functions of the General Board of Global Ministries, providing overall coordination for programs in areas within the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

4. To enable, encourage, and support the development of new and existing congregations, cooperative parishes, community

centers, health, educational, and social welfare ministries in urban, suburban, and rural settings; to develop strategies in response to critical community issues with special attention to the needs of ethnic and language minorities, people in transitional relationships and those living under repressive systems.

5. To develop, administer, and supervise in cooperation with Annual Conferences a program of church and community ministry for assignment to local churches, cooperative parishes, and other units of mission in rural and urban settings; to cooperate with UMCOR in Disaster Response Coordination and deployment of personnel.

6. To consult with congregations, cooperative parishes, districts, and conferences of The United Methodist Church and to prepare self-study and guidance materials to assist in identifying the needs of community and congregations.

7. To conduct research to aid congregations, cooperative parishes, districts, conferences, and other units of The United Methodist Church in the identification of needs of mission opportunities and the structures needed to meet these needs.

8. To develop task forces on training opportunities and joint planning committees with congregations, cooperative parishes, districts, conferences, areas, jurisdictions, and other units of The United Methodist Church for studying, planning, and setting goals.

9. To cooperate with other national church agencies, United Methodist agencies, and secular agencies, in developing programs and strategic plans which impact national issues.

10. To encourage and participate in the development of regional structures, urban and rural, for cooperative mission strategy and program, with special reference to secular geographic planning units which may be multicounty and may cross district, conference, or jurisdiction boundaries. These may be United Methodist or ecumenical.

11. To cooperate with church leaders at all levels in strategic planning, developing program, and advocating legislation which impacts community issues.

12. To provide guidelines for conference church and community committees and regional, metropolitan, and district mission structures.

14. To provide a housing consultative service, giving guidance and assistance to local churches, conferences, and general church agencies concerning housing for low and middle income persons, and to coordinate United Methodist participation in ecumenical and interfaith organizations focusing on such housing needs.

15. To promote and support the mission of the Church through the United Methodist Development Fund by maintaining an investment fund for the purpose of making first mortgage loans to United Methodist churches, including loans for the construction and major improvement of churches, parsonages, and mission buildings in accordance with policies adopted by the National Division; to incorporate and have direction over and administrative supervision of the United Methodist Development Fund; to elect the directors of the United Methodist Development Fund; to approve and to elect the general secretary, who shall be nominated by the United Methodist Development Fund; to approve the officers of the United Methodist Development Fund who shall continue to serve with such approval; and to provide such staff as may be necessary.

16. To further national mission strategy and to equip local churches, districts, and Annual Conferences to be in mission, the division shall:

a) Assist and guide in mission fulfillment through effective fund raising by:

(1) raising funds for building and program needs of local churches to enable them to be in mission;

(2) raising funds for the retirement of church and other institutional obligations;

(3) providing consultation with district, conference, and missionary fund-raising personnel;

(4) raising funds for district, conference, and institutional needs, both capital and program, including conference pensions.

b) Correlate capital fund-raising with all other areas of mission strategy within the division, such as urban and rural work, church extension, new church development, educational institutions, hospitals, homes, community centers, and other agencies or ministries.

c) Cooperate with the General Board of Discipleship in the development, planning, and utilization of stewardship principles, guidelines, strategies, and resources for fund-raising programs to assist local churches, Annual Conferences, and denominational institutions to obtain funds necessary for their continuing viability in mission.

d) Charge a nominal fee for fund-raising services, with special consideration being given to new churches, minority and mission churches, other churches facing critical financial needs, and to Missionary and Provisional Annual Conferences.

e) Maintain a fund secured from gifts and legacies, the income of which shall be used for the support of the above functions.

17. To facilitate the development of ethnic and language

ministries in accordance with national mission strategy.

18. To maintain relationship with Missions, Missionary Conferences, and Provisional Annual Conferences in accordance with ¶¶ 654, 657, 661.

19. To encourage and participate in ecumenical planning and program for church life and mission wherever opportunities and needs exist.

20. To develop and participate in joint efforts with other divisions and boards and ecumenical and secular coalitions, as the National Division carries out its responsibilities in mission.

21. To recommend for assignment in various fields of service deaconesses and home missionaries and other workers who have been approved by the General Board of Global Ministries.

22. To cooperate with the World Division, the Committee on Personnel in Mission, and other related agencies in recommending and facilitating the placement of deaconesses, missionaries, church and community workers, and others.

23. To recommend an annual budget and to make annual reports to the General Board of Global Ministries.

24. To provide counsel and coordination for local and national mission strategy of agencies related to the National Division, including community centers, residences, health care agencies, child care agencies, schools, and other educational agencies.

25. To cooperate with the General Board of Discipleship in jointly developing and recommending architectural standards for facilities needed to house the Church's program of worship, education, and fellowship, and for parsonages, and to cooperate in recommending training ventures to interpret those recommended standards.

26. To communicate to the bishops available information concerning deaconesses, missionaries, and the appointment of workers in their respective areas.

27. To relate to Goodwill Industries.

28. To sustain and undergird the mission of the entire United Methodist Church in Appalachia by working with the Appalachian Development Committee as the regional agency through which The United Methodist Church coordinates the activities of national, jurisdictional, and Annual Conference boards, agencies, and concerns.

In its place insert a new ¶ 1529 as follows:

¶ 1529. **Responsibilities.—It shall be the responsibility of the National Division:**

1. To develop, administer, and supervise the national

mission strategy of The United Methodist Church within the objectives and responsibilities of the General Board of Global Ministries providing overall coordination for programs within the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

2. To identify and analyze national mission concerns by employing research and planning methods.

3. To advocate for justice and human dignity related to the mission concerns and objectives of the National Division and the General Board of Global Ministries.

4. To provide programs, resources, and information to constituencies involved in mission development by assisting congregations, cooperative parishes, transitional community parishes, church related institutional ministries, districts, annual conferences, and other units of the Church in planning and research processes; experimental and creative ministries; long-term financing and grants; architectural services; fund-raising efforts; housing consultations; disaster response; and leadership for program development and skill training.

5. To enable, encourage, and support the missional outreach of the Church in local communities through the development of new and existing ethnic and language ministries, congregations, community centers, health, education and social welfare ministries in urban, suburban and rural settings, and programs to enlist and train globally conscious and missionally committed leaders.

6. To develop strategies for church and community development including grants, loans, and technical assistance that address particular needs of women, children, older adults, and other social needs arising from concerns about ethnic and cultural pluralism, economic and sexual exploitation, and political/racial oppression.

7. To develop, administer, supervise, and, evaluate programs involving National Mission personnel including, but not limited to, church and community workers, colleague church missioners, community developers, deaconesses, home missionaries, short-term volunteers, and volunteers in mission in cooperation with the Mission Personnel Resources Department, other units of the General Board of Global Ministries, and annual conferences.

8. To provide counsel and coordination for local and national mission strategy of institutions related to the National Division, including community centers, residences, health care agencies, child care agencies, schools, and other educational agencies.

9. To incorporate the United Methodist Development Fund

which shall maintain a fund for the purpose of making first mortgage loans to United Methodist churches for the construction and major improvement of churches, parsonages, and mission buildings. The United Methodist Development Fund shall operate under policies set by the National Division, and the National Division shall be responsible for the supervision and administration of the United Methodist Development Fund.

10. To maintain relationships and fulfill responsibilities with missions, missionary conferences, and provisional annual conferences in accordance with disciplinary provisions; to establish missional structures that assist annual conferences, districts, and local churches working together cooperatively and strategically; and to work with special regional or national agencies or organizations, such as Appalachia Development Committee and Southwest Border Committee, to further the national mission strategy of the Church.

11. To work cooperatively with agencies of the Church, other denominations, ecumenical and secular coalitions.

12. To relate to the Parish and Community Development Committee or equivalent committee of an Annual Conference by providing resources to their subcommittees on the initiation and development of programs with agencies related to the National Division, Church and Community Ministry, Congregational Development, Town and Country Ministries, Urban Ministries, agencies, and other concerns.

13. To work with **the General Board of Discipleship** *appropriate United Methodist agencies* for the extension of the Church *through consultation, joint planning, loans, and grants.* **To this end** there shall be a Joint Committee on Congregational Development with equal representation of members from the National Division and the General Board of Discipleship which shall meet at least annually to expedite cooperation between these two boards in the field of congregational development of both new **missional** congregations as well as the redevelopment of existing congregations.

Report No. 136

Petitions: GM1154, GM1155

Subject: Appalachian Development Committee

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 118; Present 82; For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 673, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because

of action on Report No. 135.

Report No. 137

Petitions: GM1153
Subject: Responsibilities of National Division
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 674, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence with ¶ 1529.22 because of action in Report No. 135.

Report No. 138

Petitions: GM1156
Subject: National Division to Relate to Parish and Community Development
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 675, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 139

Petitions: GM1160
Subject: Responsibilities of National Division
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 675, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because cared for in previous action.

Report No. 140

Petitions: GM1157
Subject: National Division to Relate to UM Congress of Deaf
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 677, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 141

Petitions: GM1159
Subject: Responsibility of National Division
Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1035, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with a petition for numerical numbering of 1500's paragraphs:

Inasmuch as the General Board of Global Ministries has completed a reorganization in accord with the 1980 General Conference Calendar Item **545** and submitted legislation to this General Conference that reflects the new organization,

Therefore Be It Resolved that upon adopting and before publication, the editor of the *Discipline* be authorized to provide a renumbering of the 1500's paragraphs—General Board of Global Ministries—using a numerical sequence that follows the alphabetical ordering of the Divisions (National, Women's, World) followed by an alphabetical ordering of the Departments (Health and Welfare, Mission Education and Cultivation, Mission Personnel Resources, and United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Report No. 147

Petitions: GM1030
Subject: Report of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1036, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with report of the General Board of Global Ministries as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, pages I23-I47.

Report No. 148

Petitions: GM1105
Subject: Composition of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1037, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with Par. 1506 as amended:

¶ 1506. Incorporation.—1. The General Board of Global Ministries shall be incorporated and shall function through **the board, its** divisions and/*or work units* **departments.** Within the board there shall be *six* **three** divisions—namely: *the Education and Cultivation Division*, the National Division, *the United*

Methodist Committee on Relief Division, the Women's Division, **and** the World Division, *the Health and Welfare Ministries Division; and two work units—namely: the Crusade Scholarship Committee and the Committee on Personnel in Mission.* **;and four departments—namely: the Health and Welfare Ministries Department, the Mission Education and Cultivation Department, the Mission Personnel Resources Department, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief Department.** The divisions **and departments** may each also be incorporated **upon approval of the board.** *if required.* These divisions **and departments** shall be the corporate successors, respectively, of **the Health and Welfare Ministries Division, the Education and Cultivation Division, the United Methodist Committee on Relief Division,** the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, the National Division, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the Women's Division, the World Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, and the corporate successor of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church, **and** the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of The United Methodist Church *and the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs.* The Board, *and* its divisions, **and departments** shall be incorporated in such a state or states as the board may elect.

Amend ¶ 1506.2 by inserting the word, "General" after "The" so that it reads:

2. The **General** Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church shall be the successor to the following corporations: the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Home Missions and Church Federation Society of The Church of the United Brethren in Christ, the Foreign Missionary Society of The United Brethren in Christ, the Women's Missionary Association of The Church of the United Brethren in Christ, the Missionary Society of The Evangelical Church, and the Board of Church Extension of The Evangelical Church, and as such successor it shall be and is authorized and empowered to receive from its said predecessor corporations all trust funds and assets of every kind and character, real, personal, or mixed held by them, and it shall be hereby authorized to administer such trusts and funds in accordance with the conditions under which they have been previously received and administered by the said predecessor corporations.

Calendar No. 1046, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 158

Petitions: GM1120
Subject: Composition of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1047, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because dealt with in Report No. 159.

Report No. 159

Petitions: GM1117
Subject: Composition of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 66; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1048, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 427.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the changes in ¶ 1512:

Amend ¶ 1512.2 as follows:
2. The Women's Division membership procedures are an exception to those described in ¶¶ 805, 809 of the general provisions. This formula is defined in ¶ 1554. **The basic members of the Women's Division shall** *These persons may* also serve on the membership of other divisions, **departments, and committees** of the board.

Amend ¶ 1512.3 as follows:
3. The composition of the board and its divisions and *units* **departments** should reflect the major recognized categories of church members. **(See ¶ 805.1b, 2a).** One-half of the *nonepiscopal* membership should be women. *not less than one quarter should be clergy; and not less than one quarter should be laymen. One fifth should be under thirty-five years of age (of whom one half should be under twenty-five divided equally between those over eighteen and under at the time of election); membership among all age categories to be balanced between men and women and among racial and ethnic groups. One fifth should represent minority interests and one tenth youth and young adult interests. Any overseas representatives should also be selected through the additional member nomination process. These are*

not mutually exclusive or exhaustive categories.

Amend ¶ 1512.4 as follows:

4. Members of the board shall be distributed across the component divisions, **departments, and standing committees** of the board in accord with ¶ *809* **board bylaws.**

Amend ¶ 1512.6 by deletion and insertion, as follows:

6. In addition to the episcopal members provided for by ¶ 805, the Council of Bishops shall elect three bishops from the Central Conferences **as a group and three persons from each Central Conference,** *Each Central Conference shall then elect* who shall be members of the board—one clergy and two laypersons, at least one of whom shall be a woman. These persons shall be distributed across the units of the board.

Amend ¶ 1512.7 as follows:

7. The general secretary and treasurer of the board, **the deputy general secretaries,** and the associate general secretaries shall be members without vote.

Amend ¶ 1512.8 as follows:

8. Salaried members of a staff of any agency receiving appropriation funds from any division **or department** of the General Board of Global Ministries shall not be eligible to serve as voting members of said board, except in order to fulfill the provisions of ¶ 805.

Report No. 160

Petitions: GM1118
Subject: Membership of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1049, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because of action on Report No. 159.

Report No. 161

Petitions: GM1124
Subject: Membership on General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1050, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.

Randolph, John R. Dicken, Hugh D. Crocker, Gerry Fanning, Langdon Garrison, Reginald W. Ponder, Adrian J. Roberts, J. Fay Cleveland, Thomas H. Cloyd, Warren Candler Budd, Wade H. Pierce, Wm. P. Bailey, Jr., Gordon C. Goodgame, Russell Shivers, Floyd Fought.

Report No. 167

Petitions: GM1003

Subject: Relationship Between Annual Conference and Health/Welfare Institutions

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1057, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 721.4a):

Delete ¶ 721.4a(25):

(25) To review and make recommendations to the Annual Conference with regard to the establishment of new agencies and the expansion or change in existing agencies. Sponsors of any new hospital, home for the aging, child care services, housing project, or other health and welfare ministry which uses the United Methodist name or property, or looks to any unit of the Church for financial support shall first submit drafts of its charter, constitution, and bylaws, demonstration of need; and its plan of development, financing, and service to the Annual Conference unit responsible for health and welfare ministries or other appropriate church unit. This includes any new ecumenical ventures or an existing facility or service desiring to alter its major purpose or function, add a new facility, or make a major expansion on its present facilities. The Annual Conference unit may request the Health and Welfare Ministries Division of the General Board of Global Ministries to assist in reviewing these plans. The plan of development, financing, and service shall then be submitted to the Annual Conference to which it is related for approval before finalizing and proceeding with the project. If a specific project must proceed before the Annual Conference is to meet, the institution may receive approval from the Annual Conference unit responsible for health and welfare institutions, or other designated unit, provided that the Annual Conference has delegated such authority to that unit.

Amend ¶ 721.4a(26) as follows:

(26) **(25)** *To provide for appropriate* **To strive to insure** mutual representation between the Annual Conference unit

responsible for health and welfare ministries and each health and welfare *agency and* institution related to the Annual Conference **where such representation is called for by mutual agreement of the institution and the Annual Conference.**

Delete and amend ¶ 721.4a (27):

(27) **(26)** *To participate in, support, and implement the Certification Council program in relationship to the health and welfare agencies within the boundaries of the Annual Conference.* **To encourage the health and welfare institutions and programs within the Annual Conference related to a connectional unit of The United Methodist Church to utilize the programmatic standards, self-study, and peer review available through the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department.**

Amend ¶ 721.4a (28) as follows:

(28) **(27) To assist the Annual Conference in assessing needs in health and welfare ministries.** To assist the Annual Conference in development of health and welfare services *to meet the local needs* **in local communities and within the Annual Conference.**

Amend ¶ 721.4a (29) as follows:

(29) **(28)** To work with **the General Board of Global Ministries** and the *National* **United Methodist** Association of Health and Welfare Ministries *of the United Methodist Church in* leadership development programs and the promotion of *United Methodist related* health and welfare ministries.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (30) as follows:

(30)(**29**) *To help lift* **To promote** Christian, financial, and professional standards in *all United Methodist-related* health and welfare ministries *in* **within** the Annual Conference.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (31) as follows:

(31) **(30)** To aid in planning and developing a religious ministry in *United Methodist-related* **Annual Conference-related** *hospitals and homes* **institutions and programs** and wherever practical, in state and *non-United Methodist-related* **other** *hospitals and homes* **institutions and programs not related to the Conference** where there is a need.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (32) as follows:

(32) **(31)** To serve in an advisory capacity to the **Conference**

Report No. 172

Petitions: GM-MN1011

Subject: Increasing Financial Support for Church and Community Ministry

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1349, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence to direct the General Board of Global Ministries to increase the ministry of the Church and Community Ministry by utilizing all resources to secure financial support to provide salaries equitable with other church professionals and expand the number of Church and Community workers and requesting the General Council on Finance and Administration to direct enabling funds to the General Board of Global Ministries for this purpose.

COMMITTEE NO. 7

LOCAL CHURCH

Dan E. Solomon, chairperson; *Joseph B. Bethea,* vice-chairperson; Carolyn M. Marshall, secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pp. 124-126.

Report No. 1

Petitions: LC1049
Subject: Mission of the Church
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 5, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence, in favor of Report No. 2.

Report No. 2

Petitions: LC1051
Subject: Responsibility of Congregation to Cooperate
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 6, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted to amend ¶ 202 of the *Book of Discipline* by the addition of the bold-face phrase, so that it will then read:

The Church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world. It is primarily at the level of the local church that the church encounters the world. The local church is a strategic base from which Christians move out to the structures of society. It is the function of the local church to minister to the needs of persons in the community where the church is located, to provide appropriate training and nurture to all age groups, cultural groups, racial groups, ethnic groups, and groups with handicapping conditions, **to cooperate in ministry with other local churches, and to participate in the world-wide mission of the church,** as minimal expectations of an authentic church.

Report No. 3

Petitions: LC1068
Subject: Church Membership Classes
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 98; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 7, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because of action in Report No. 159.

Report No. 162

Petitions: GM1112
Subject: Composition of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1051, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 163

Petitions: GM1001
Subject: Responsibilities of UMCOR
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1052, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 446, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 164

Petitions: GM1175, GM1176
Subject: Responsibility of UMCOR for Local Church Property
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1053, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.
The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 1543 as follows:

¶ 1543. Repair and reconstruction of **local** *churches* **church property** and **other** church-**related** property shall be included in the funding response of the United Methodist Committee on Relief only when such response has been included in the appeal made for funds or the Advance special gifts made for this purpose. **When this condition has been met, the United Methodist Committee on Relief shall respond in cooperation with the National Division as follows:**

1. UMCOR, in consultation with conference disaster coordinators, bishops, and district superintendents, shall identify specific locations where local church property and church-related properties have suffered damage.

2. This information shall be relayed to the National Division which shall contact the conference disaster coordina-

tor to arrange an onsite visit to evaluate damages and initiate an ongoing consultative process.

Report No. 165

Petitions: GM1174
Subject: UMCOR Funds
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1054, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 166

Petitions: GM1046
Subject: Establish Task Force to Study General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 118; Present 67; For 38; Against 27; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1055, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 429.
The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence with the establishing of a task force to study the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 166 (Minority)

Petitions: GM1046
Subject: Establish Task Force to Study General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Calendar No. 1056; Defeated May 11, 1984, Journal Page 429.

1. We petition the 1984 General Conference to establish a general task force of no less than 15 or more than 21 persons for the purpose of studying the philosophy, practices, procedures, direction, and finances of the General Board of Global Ministries.

This general task force shall be composed of an equal number of persons elected by the General Council on Finance and Administration, the General Council on Ministries, and the Council of Bishops. The chairperson shall be named by the Council of Bishops. No person who is a staff person or a director of **the General Board of Global Ministries** shall be a member of the task force. Such persons may be invited to furnish information, however.

2. The general task force shall present its findings and proposals to the 1988 General Conference for its action.

William A. McKoy, Johnnie Marie Grimes, Helen Rhea Coppedge, Charles K. Dilgard, Robert W. Baumgardner, W. B.

Randolph, John R. Dicken, Hugh D. Crocker, Gerry Fanning, Langdon Garrison, Reginald W. Ponder, Adrian J. Roberts, J. Fay Cleveland, Thomas H. Cloyd, Warren Candler Budd, Wade H. Pierce, Wm. P. Bailey, Jr., Gordon C. Goodgame, Russell Shivers, Floyd Fought.

Report No. 167

Petitions: GM1003

Subject: Relationship Between Annual Conference and Health/Welfare Institutions

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1057, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 721.4a):

Delete ¶ 721.4a(25):

(25) To review and make recommendations to the Annual Conference with regard to the establishment of new agencies and the expansion or change in existing agencies. Sponsors of any new hospital, home for the aging, child care services, housing project, or other health and welfare ministry which uses the United Methodist name or property, or looks to any unit of the Church for financial support shall first submit drafts of its charter, constitution, and bylaws, demonstration of need; and its plan of development, financing, and service to the Annual Conference unit responsible for health and welfare ministries or other appropriate church unit. This includes any new ecumenical ventures or an existing facility or service desiring to alter its major purpose or function, add a new facility, or make a major expansion on its present facilities. The Annual Conference unit may request the Health and Welfare Ministries Division of the General Board of Global Ministries to assist in reviewing these plans. The plan of development, financing, and service shall then be submitted to the Annual Conference to which it is related for approval before finalizing and proceeding with the project. If a specific project must proceed before the Annual Conference is to meet, the institution may receive approval from the Annual Conference unit responsible for health and welfare institutions, or other designated unit, provided that the Annual Conference has delegated such authority to that unit.

Amend ¶ 721.4a(26) as follows:

(26) **(25)** *To provide for appropriate* **To strive to insure** mutual representation between the Annual Conference unit

responsible for health and welfare ministries and each health and welfare *agency and* institution related to the Annual Conference **where such representation is called for by mutual agreement of the institution and the Annual Conference.**

Delete and amend ¶ 721.4a (27):

(27) **(26)** *To participate in, support, and implement the Certification Council program in relationship to the health and welfare agencies within the boundaries of the Annual Conference.* **To encourage the health and welfare institutions and programs within the Annual Conference related to a connectional unit of The United Methodist Church to utilize the programmatic standards, self-study, and peer review available through the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department.**

Amend ¶ 721.4a (28) as follows:

(28) **(27) To assist the Annual Conference in assessing needs in health and welfare ministries.** To assist the Annual Conference in development of health and welfare services *to meet the local needs* **in local communities and within the Annual Conference.**

Amend ¶ 721.4a (29) as follows:

(29) **(28)** To work with **the General Board of Global Ministries** and the *National* **United Methodist** Association of Health and Welfare Ministries *of the United Methodist Church in* leadership development programs and the promotion of *United Methodist related* health and welfare ministries.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (30) as follows:

(30)(**29**) *To help lift* **To promote** Christian, financial, and professional standards in *all United Methodist-related* health and welfare ministries *in* **within** the Annual Conference.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (31) as follows:

(31) **(30)** To aid in planning and developing a religious ministry in *United Methodist-related* **Annual Conference-related** *hospitals and homes* **institutions and programs** and wherever practical, in state and *non-United Methodist-related* **other** *hospitals and homes* **institutions and programs not related to the Conference** where there is a need.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (32) as follows:

(32) **(31)** To serve in an advisory capacity to the **Conference**

nominating processes *of the Annual Conference* **where the Annual Conference participates** in the selection of trustees for health and welfare *agencies* **institutions and programs** related to the Annual Conference.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (33) as follows:

(33) **(32)** To provide *the* **a** channel through which health and welfare *agencies* **programs and institutions** report to the Annual Conference.

Amend ¶ 721.4a (34) as follows:

(34) **(33)** To promote an annual Golden Cross offering or other means of giving to be received in every local church on a day or days designated by the Annual Conference in support of the health and welfare ministries within the Annual Conference, and to provide financial support to care for *the* sick **persons,** older persons, children, youth, and persons with handicapping conditions; with special emphasis given to aiding those ministries which provide direct financial assistance to persons *unable to pay* **in need.**

Add new ¶ 721.4a (34):

(34) To make available program and other resources to local churches to help assure physical accessibility of church buildings.

Report No. 168

Petitions: GM1004, GM1014, GM1015

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1058, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 478.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 721.4a(24) as it appears below:

(24) To work with *the* health and welfare *agencies* **institutions and programs** related to the Annual Conference to *improve the quality and extent of services rendered* **develop a mutual agreement between the Annual Conference and each institution concerning their relationships.**

The Annual Conference and each health and welfare institution shall have a clearly stated document which describes their legal and financial relationships, provided that no such document shall impose as a party to it The United Methodist Church and/or the General Board of Global Ministries.

The Annual Conference may consult with a health and welfare institution when that institution plans to establish a new facility, alter its major purpose or function, or makes a plan for expansion of an existing facility. The purpose of such a consultation would be to review the mission of the Annual Conference in health and welfare ministries and to insure that the new institution, the new facility, the new purpose or the expansion be in harmony with the mission of the Annual Conference and that there not be unnecessary duplication of existing services. The consultation may include a discussion of proposed plans of development, financing, and types of services to be rendered.

The term "related to" in this paragraph shall mean any relationship defined by the Annual Conference pursuant to the provisons of ¶ 721.4a(24).

Report No. 169

Petitions: GM-CN1239

Subject: Appointment of District Mission Secretary

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1059, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence because of previous actions taken.

Report No. 170

Petitions: GM-CN1171

Subject: Conference Mission Secretary

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 118; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1060, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 500.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 171

Petitions: GM1011

Subject: Cross-Conference and Cross-Jurisdictional Appointment—Asian Americans

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 118; Present 46; For 46; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1348, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.

The committee recommends General Conference refer to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 172

Petitions: GM-MN1011

Subject: Increasing Financial Support for Church and Community Ministry

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 118; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1349, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.

The legislative committee recommends concurrence to direct the General Board of Global Ministries to increase the ministry of the Church and Community Ministry by utilizing all resources to secure financial support to provide salaries equitable with other church professionals and expand the number of Church and Community workers and requesting the General Council on Finance and Administration to direct enabling funds to the General Board of Global Ministries for this purpose.

COMMITTEE NO. 7

LOCAL CHURCH

Dan E. Solomon, chairperson; *Joseph B. Bethea,* vice-chairperson; Carolyn M. Marshall, secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pp. 124-126.

Report No. 1

Petitions: LC1049
Subject: Mission of the Church
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 5, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence, in favor of Report No. 2.

Report No. 2

Petitions: LC1051
Subject: Responsibility of Congregation to Cooperate
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 6, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted to amend ¶ 202 of the *Book of Discipline* by the addition of the bold-face phrase, so that it will then read:

The Church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world. It is primarily at the level of the local church that the church encounters the world. The local church is a strategic base from which Christians move out to the structures of society. It is the function of the local church to minister to the needs of persons in the community where the church is located, to provide appropriate training and nurture to all age groups, cultural groups, racial groups, ethnic groups, and groups with handicapping conditions, **to cooperate in ministry with other local churches, and to participate in the world-wide mission of the church,** as minimal expectations of an authentic church.

Report No. 3

Petitions: LC1068
Subject: Church Membership Classes
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 98; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 7, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 4

Petitions: LC1028
Subject: Establish Office of Class Leader
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 8, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 5

Petitions: LC1003
Subject: Concern for People
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 9, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 6

Petitions: LC1131
Subject: Absentee Ballots at Charge Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 10, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 7

Petitions: LC1128
Subject: Members of Charge Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 11, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 8

Petitions: LC1126
Subject: Eliminate the Charge Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 12, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 9

Petitions: LC1129
Subject: Deleting Church Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 13, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 1, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 258, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 10

Petitions: LC1112
Subject: Organization of Charge Conference
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 93; Against 4; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 14, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 403.
The committee recommends adoption of ¶ 246.

Reorder and amend ¶ 246 as follows:

The Charge Conference

¶246. General Provisions.—1. Within the pastoral charge the basic unit in the connectional system of The United Methodist Church is the Charge Conference. The Charge Conference shall therefore be organized from the church or churches in every pastoral charge as set forth in the Constitution (¶48). It shall meet annually for the purposes set forth in ¶247. It may meet at other times as indicated in .7 below.

2. The membership of the Charge Conference shall be all members of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board named in ¶—, together with retired ministers who elect to hold their membership in said Charge Conference and any others as may be designated in the Discipline. If more than one church is on the pastoral charge all members of each Administrative Council or Administrative Board shall be members of the Charge Conference.

3. The Charge Conference may make provision for recognition of the faithful service of those members of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board who have reached the age of seventy-two or who have become physically incapacitated by electing them honorary members. An honorary member shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member, except the right to vote.

4. The district superintendent shall fix the time of meetings

of the Charge Conference. The Charge Conference shall determine the place of meeting.

5. The district superintendent shall preside at the meetings of the Charge Conference or may designate an elder to preside.

6. The members present and voting at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

7. Special sessions may be called by the district superintendent after consultation with the pastor of the charge or by the pastor with the written consent of the district superintendent. The purpose of such special session shall be stated in the call, and only such business shall be transacted as is in harmony with the purposes stated in the call. Any such special session may be convened as a Church Conference in accordance with ¶—.

8. Notice of the time and place of a regular or special session of the Charge Conference shall be given at least ten days in advance.

9. A Charge Conference shall be conducted in the language of the majority with adequate provision being made for translation.

10. A joint Charge Conference for two or more pastoral charges may be held at the same time and place, as the district superintendent may determine.

Report No. 11

Petitions: LC1182
Subject: Membership of Administrative Board
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 86; For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 156, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶253 as amended.
(Editor's note: Report No. 105 further amended ¶ 253. Amendments as adopted by action on both reports are reflected in the printing of Report No. 105; see below, page 1409.)

Report No. 12

Petitions: LC1222
Subject: Addition of Work Area on Status and Role of Women
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 88; For 59; Against 27; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 157, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 405.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 259 with the following revisions:

¶ 259. Work Areas. Major concerns of the Church Universal

and local church include Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society, education, evangelism, higher education and campus ministry, missions, religion and race, **the status and role of women,** stewardship, and worship. Therefore the Charge Conference may elect annually the chairperson of Christian unity and interreligious concerns, the chairperson of church and society, the chairperson of education, the chairperson of evangelism, the chairperson of higher education and campus ministry, the chairperson of missions, the chairperson of religion and race, **the chairperson of the status and role of women,** the chairperson of stewardship, and the chairperson of worship. Where desirable, the Charge Conference may combine coordinators' and work area chairpersons' assignments.

Report No. 13

Petitions: LC1223, LC1224, LC1225
Subject: Addition of Work Area on Status and Role of Women
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 88; For 85; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 158, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence, in favor of Report No. 12.

Report No. 14

Petitions: LC1019
Subject: Chairperson of Status and Role of Women
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 69; Against 22; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 159, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 405.
The committee voted concurrence with new ¶ 260.8.

¶260.8. The work area chairperson of the status and role of women shall keep the Council on Ministries and the congregation aware of the meaning of the church's continuing commitment to the full equal responsibility and participation of women in the total life and mission of the Church. The chairperson shall be a woman. She shall maintain contact with the Annual Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the District Council on Ministries and shall cooperate with United Methodist Women in recommending to the Council on Ministries program opportunities for worship, fellowship, witness, study, nurture, and service with persons and groups which confirm anew the liberating message of Jesus Christ that recognizes every person, woman or man, as full and equal part of God's human family.

Report No. 15

Petitions: LC1230, LC1235, LC1319

Subject: Responsibilities of Chairperson of Status and Role of Women

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 93; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 160, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.

The committee votes nonconcurrence, in favor of Report No. 14.

Report No. 16

Petitions: LC1229

Subject: Responsibilities of Chairperson of Higher Education and Campus Ministry

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 161, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 260.5 a) and c) as follows:

a) The work area chairperson of higher education and campus ministry shall keep the Council on Ministries aware of higher education concerns and provide locally for the promotion and support of the interest of higher education and campus ministry in accordance with the programs of the Annual Conference and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. This shall include plans for the ministry to students related to the local church, recruitment of students for United Methodist institutions, **interpreting and promoting the Black College Fund; Hispanic, Asian, and Native American (HANA) Educational Ministries; World Communion Sunday offering for Ethnic Minority Scholarships; Minority In-Service Training Program; and Crusade Scholarships;** promoting the observance of United Methodist Student Day, and the receiving of an offering for the support of the United Methodist scholarships and for the United Methodist Student Loan Fund (¶ 271.3h).

Present ¶ 260.5b remains the same.

Amend present ¶ 260.5c as follows:

¶ 260.5c) The work area chairperson of higher education and campus ministry shall *inform the appropriate church agencies and ministries of the names and addresses of young* **maintain contact with** persons *from the local church* who attend schools, **colleges and** *universities, receive training,* join the military, or

are in other **educational** situations which require their moving temporarily *or permanently* from the local church *area.* **The chair shall forward the name and address of each person to the appropriate college/university chaplain or campus minister.**

Report No. 17

Petitions: LC1233

Subject: Responsibilities of the Work Area Chairperson of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 93; For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 162, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.

The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 260.1 as follows:

1. The work area chairperson of Christian unity and interreligious concerns shall encourage awareness and understanding of ecumenism at all levels *(dialogue, councils, and unions),* **including furthering dialogue and fellowship with other Christians and with persons of other faiths, cultures, and ideologies, participation in councils of churches, interfaith councils, and consulting on church unions.** In keeping with standards and guidance materials supplied by the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and the Annual Conference Commission (or comparable organization), the chairperson shall stimulate studies, plan programs, **and** cooperate in specific **Christian unity and interreligious** *ecumenical* endeavors *and encourage conversation and fellowship with members of other Christian churches.* It shall be the responsibility of the work area chairperson to interpret ecumenical structures and agencies, such as the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, the World **Council of Churches, the** National Council of **the** Churches **of Christ in the U.S.A., the World Methodist Council** and the Consultation on Church Union, to the local church.

Report No. 18

Petitions: LC1203

Subject: Funding Requests by Council on Ministries/Administrative Council

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 93; For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 163, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.

The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 256 as follows:

¶ 256. The Council on Ministries or **Administrative Council**

shall *make recommendations to the Committee on Finance requesting the financial resources needed to undergird the ministries which it has developed using* **draw upon** the local and connectional program suggestions **as it prepares its recommendation regarding the ministries to be implemented in fulfilling the congregation's responsibility in the local and world-wide community. It shall furnish the Committee on Finance with the recommended level of funding needed to implement each area of ministry.**

The local church Council on Ministries **or Administrative Council** shall consider, develop, and coordinate goals and program proposals for the church's mission. It shall receive and, where possible, utilize resources for missions provided by the District, Annual, Jurisdictional, **Central** and General Conference Councils on Ministries, boards, and agencies, and shall coordinate these resources with the church's plans for ministries. The council shall be amenable to the Administrative Board, to which it shall submit its goals and program plans for revision and appropriate action. Upon adoption of the goals and program plans by the Administrative Board, the council shall implement and evaluate the goals and program plans which are assigned.

The Council on Ministries shall elect teachers, counselors, and officers for the church school except where these are subject to election by the Charge Conference. In local churches when size and organization permit, and where the educational program can be enhanced by division superintendents, the council may elect such person(s). Nominations for these positions shall be made by the work area chairperson of education upon the recommendation of the superintendent of the church school and after consultation with the pastor, the division superintendents, and such other groups or persons as the Council on Ministries may designate. It is recommended that the Committee on Nominations and Personnel be a resource in this process (¶ 265.1).

Report No. 19

Petitions: LC1204
Subject: Composition of Council on Ministries
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 92; For 84; Against 7; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 164, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 404.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 257 as amended.

¶ 257. The basic membership of the Council on Ministries shall include the following insofar as the offices and relationships exist within the local church: the pastor and other staff persons who are engaged in program work; the chairperson of the Adminis-

trative Board; the lay leader; the president of United Methodist Women; the president of United Methodist Men; the superintendent of the church school; the coordinators of age levels: children, youth, and adult; a coordinator of family ministry; the chairperson of each work area: Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society, education, evangelism, higher education and campus ministry, missions, religion and race, **status and role of women,** stewardship, and worship; the coordinator of communications; the local church health and welfare ministries representative; a lay member of Annual Conference; and two youth members (twelve through eighteen) and two young adult members (nineteen through thirty) of the congregation if not otherwise provided for.

Report No. 20

Petitions: LC1205, LC1210

Subject: Membership of Council on Ministries in Local Church

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 92; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 165, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.

The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 19.

Report No. 21

Petitions: LC1228

Subject: Responsibilities of Chairperson of Evangelism

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 93; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 166, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.

The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 260.4 as amended.

4. The work area chairperson of evangelism, *shall keep the Council on Ministries aware of the aim and means of evangelism in the goals for the Church's ministry* **with his or her work area members, shall work with the pastor, the Council on Ministries, the Administrative Board and/or the Administrative Council, to make evangelism an ongoing priority ministry of the congregation to win people to a profession or a renewal of faith in Jesus Christ.** *In keeping with the standards and guidance material supplied by the General Board of Discipleship and the Annual Conference Board of Discipleship (or comparable organization), he/she shall recommend activities and structure to respond to the evangelistic mission of the local church.* **The chairperson shall recommend activities and structure to**

respond to the evangelistic mission of the local church in keeping with the standards and guidance material supplied by the Annual Conference Board of Discipleship or comparable organization. *He/she shall assist the age-group councils to respond to evangelistic opportunities in the community so that every person is included in the responsibility of a local church.* **The concerns of the work area on evangelism shall include the people who are not members in any local church, the church's own inactive members, and the care of all of its members. The responsibilities and opportunities of the work area on evangelism shall include, but not be limited to, working with all organizations of the church to identify persons who are neither members nor active in the community, to keep an updated prospect file, to provide for visitation programs, to set growth goals, to plan specific evangelism events and missions, to assimilate new members, and to assist in the possibilities of starting new congregations.** In cooperation with the pastor and the Council on Ministries the chairperson shall develop and implement ministries for membership care including growth in the devotional life and distribution of The Upper Room and other devotional resources.

Report No. 22

Petitions: LC1191
Subject: Organization of Administrative Board
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 167, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶255.4 with the following revisions:

¶ 255.4. The Administrative Board or **Administrative Council** shall ensure the promotion of all the benevolent causes authorized by the General, Jurisdictional, **Central,** Annual and District Conferences, and encourage the support of World Service, conference, and other benevolences. The board shall coordinate all financial promotion that takes place within the local church. It shall *coordinate* **assure that there is an adequate** *the* promotion and interpretation of **the benevolent** *benevolences assigned to all local church* **ministries of the church by working with such persons** and units as the pastor (¶ 249.11), Committee on Finance (¶ 266.3), Council on Ministries (¶ 256), coordinator of communications (¶ 261.3), work area chairperson of education (¶ 260.3), and work area chairperson of stewardship (¶ 260.8). In the promotion of special days with offering (¶¶ 270-271) the Admin-

istrative Board shall assign responsibility to the local church program unit most closely related to the purpose of the offering.

Report No. 23

Petitions: LC1192
Subject: Responsibilities of Administrative Board
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 87; Against 6; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 168, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 24

Petitions: LC1232
Subject: Responsibilities of Work Area Chairperson of Church and Society
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 169, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 260.2 as follows:

2. The work area chairperson of church and society shall keep the Council on Ministries aware of the need for study and action in the areas of peace and world order, human *relations* **welfare,** political and *economic affairs, and health and general welfare,* **human rights, social and economic justice, environmental justice and survival.** In keeping with standards and guidance materials supplied by the **General** Board of Church and Society and the Annual Conference Board of Church and Society (or comparable organization), the chairperson shall recommend to the Council on Ministries study/action projects in the field of social concerns. He/she shall cooperate with other commissions in surveying the needs of the local community and in **making program** recommendations for **responding to local** *social action projects* **community, state, national and international needs to which the church ministers by its service, education, witness and action.**

Report No. 25

Petitions: LC1268
Subject: Establishment of Work Area Commissions on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 82; For 75; Against 3; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 170, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 26

Petitions: LC(AD)1515
Subject: Composition of Board of Trustees
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 171, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 27

Petitions: LC1346
Subject: Inclusion of Women in Local Church Board of Trustees
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 61; Against 20; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 172, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 409.
The committee recommends that ¶2519 of the *Book of Discipline* be amended as follows:

After the words "nine persons," . . . add the following:
at least one-third of whom shall be laywomen, . . .

The amended paragraph would then read as follows:

¶ 2519. In each pastoral charge consisting of one local church there shall be a Board of Trustees, consisting of not fewer than three nor more than nine persons, **at least one-third of whom shall be laywomen,** each of whom shall be of legal age determined by law and at least two-thirds of whom shall be members of The United Methodist Church. By action of the Charge Conference the local church may limit the age of trustees to a maximum of seventy-two years of age.

Report No. 28

Petitions: LC1341, LC1345
Subject: Composition of Board of Trustees
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 173, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence, in favor of Report No. 27.

Report No. 29

Petitions: LC1663
Subject: Additional Trustees for Large Membership Churches
Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 85; For 59; Against 24; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 174, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 30

Petitions: LC1343, LC1344
Subject: Administrative Board Chairperson and Ex-officio Member of Board of Trustees
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 85; For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 175, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 31

Petitions: LC1361
Subject: Disposition of Legal and Official Papers
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102: Present 81; For 51; Against 28; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 176, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 409.
The committee recommends that ¶ 2541.2 of the *Book of Discipline* be amended as follows:

2. All the deeds, records, and other official and legal papers, including the contents of the cornerstone, of a church that is so declared to be abandoned or otherwise discontinued shall be collected by the district superintendent in whose district said church was located and shall be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the *secretary of the Annual Conference. The conference may subsequently authorize that such documentary record material and historic memorabilia be deposited for safekeeping with its Commission on Archives and History* **Commission on Archives and History of the Annual Conference.**

Report No. 32

Petitions: LC1351
Subject: Unincorporated Local Church Property—Title and Purchase
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 102; Present 81; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 177, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.
The committee recommends that ¶ 2528 be amended as shown below, in order to simplify and shorten the paragraph:

¶ 2528. Unincorporated Local Church Property—Title and

Purchase.—*If the local laws do not prescribe that title to property, both real and personal, shall be otherwise taken and held, in which event the provisions thereof shall take precedence and shall be observed and the provisions hereof subordinated thereto, the* **Unless otherwise required by local law (¶ 2506),** title to all *real* property now owned or hereafter acquired by an unincorporated local church, and any organization, board, commission, society, or similar body connected therewith, shall be held and/or conveyed and transferred to its duly elected trustees, *who* **their successors and assigns. The trustees** shall be named **both as individuals and as the Board of Trustees of the local church** in the written instrument conveying or transferring title. *and their successors in office and their assigns, as the Board of Trustees of such local church (naming it and the individual trustees),* **The board and the trustees shall hold, convey, or transfer property** in trust, *nevertheless,* for the use and benefit of said local church and of The United Methodist Church. Every instrument of conveyance of real estate shall contain the appropriate trust clause as set forth in the Discipline (¶ 2503).

Report No. 33

Petitions: LC1352

Subject: Incorporated Local Church Property—Title and Purchase

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 178, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2530 of the *Book of Discipline* be amended as follows, in order to simplify and shorten the paragraph:

¶ 2530. **Incorporated Local Church Property—Title and Purchase.** *If the local laws do not prescribe that title to real property of an incorporated local church shall be otherwise taken and held, in which event the provisions thereof shall take precedence and shall be observed and the provisions hereof subordinated thereto, the* **Unless otherwise required by local law (¶ 2506),** the title to all property, *both real and personal,* now owned or hereafter acquired by an incorporated local church, and any organization, board, commission, society, or similar body connected therewith, shall be held by and/or conveyed to the corporate body in its corporate name, in trust, *nevertheless,* for the use and benefit of such local church and of The United Methodist Church. Every instrument of conveyance of real estate

shall contain the appropriate trust clause as set forth in the Discipline (¶ 2503).

Report No. 34

Petitions: LC1273

Subject: Responsibilities of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 102; Present 81; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 179, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 500.

The committee recommends that ¶ 266 be amended as follows:

Amend ¶ 266.2f(3) as follows: (3) To evaluate annually the effectiveness of the pastor and staff **based upon criteria, processes, and training developed by the Board of Ordained Ministry and Cabinet (¶ 427), and where applicable the Board of Diaconal Ministry.** *It is recommended that materials provided by the conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the conference Board of Diaconal Ministry and other appropriate agencies be utilized in this process.*

Amend ¶ 266.2(4) as follows:

(4) To consult on matters pertaining to pulpit supply, proposals for salary, travel expense, vacation, health and life insurance, pension, *continuing education*, housing (which may be a church owned parsonage or housing allowance in lieu of parsonage if in compliance with the policy of the annual conference), and other practical matters affecting the work and families of the pastor and staff, and to make annual recommendations regarding such matters to the Administrative Board **or Administrative Council,** reporting budget items to the Committee on Finance. *The committee may arrange with the Administrative Board for the necessary time and financial assistance for the attendance of the pastor and/or staff at such continuing education events as may serve their professional and spiritual growth.* The parsonage is to be mutually respected by the pastor's family as the property of the church and by the church as the private home of the pastor's family. The chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, the chairperson of trustees, and pastor shall make an annual review of the church-owned parsonage to assure proper maintenance.

Add new ¶ 266.2f(5) and renumber:

(5) To consult with the pastor and staff concerning continuing education and to arrange with the Administrative

Board or Administrative Council for the necessary time and financial assistance for the attendance of the pastor, and/or staff at such continuing education events as may serve their professional and spiritual growth.

Amend ¶ 266.2f(5) and renumber to become ¶ 266.2f(6) as follows:

(5) (6) To enlist, interview, evaluate, review, and recommend annually to the Charge Conference *women and men of all races and ethnic origin* persons for candidacy for ministry, **recognizing that The United Methodist Church affirms the biblical and theological support of women and men of all races and ethnic origin for ministry.** The committee shall provide to the Charge Conference a list of ministerial students from the charge and shall maintain contact with these students, supplying the Charge Conference with a progress report on each student.

In ¶ 266.2f(8) amend as follows:

(8) To recommend to the **Administrative Board or Administrative Council,** after consultation with the pastor and the Council on Ministries, the professional and other staff positions needed to carry out the work of the church or charge. After consultation with the pastor, the committee shall recommend persons for employment **and/or dismissal** in the staff positions created by the board which are not subject to episcopal appointment. In making recommendations of persons for professional staff positions, consideration shall be given to the training qualifications and certification standards set forth by the general church agency to which such positions are related. The committee shall further recommend to the Administrative Board a provision for adequate health **and** life **insurance,** pension **benefits, and severance pay** for all lay employees.

Report No. 35

Petitions: LC1270
Subject: Administrative Committees
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 219, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 406.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 266, with the following revisions:
Amend first sentence of ¶ 266 as follows:

There shall be elected annually by the Charge Conference in each local church a Committee on Nominations and Personnel composed of not more than nine persons, *excluding the pastor,*

who shall be chairperson. **in addition to the lay leader and pastor. The pastor shall be the chairperson.**
The new sentence shall read:

1. There shall be elected annually by the Charge Conference in each local church a Committee on Nominations and Personnel composed of not more than nine persons, **in addition to the lay leader and pastor. The pastor shall be the chairperson.**

Amend the second paragraph in Par. 266.1 as follows:

The Committee on Nominations and Personnel shall serve throughout the year to guide the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board on personnel** matters (other than employed staff) and **recruit, support and recognize leaders and provide for their training** so as to coordinate the leadership and service needs with personnel of the congregation, working in relationship to the *Council on Ministries and the committees of the Administrative Board* **committees and work areas of the Administrative Council or the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries** in both its nominations and personnel guidance.

Amend line 10 of ¶ 266.2f(4) . . . committee may arrange with the **Administrative Council or** Administrative Board for the . . .

In ¶ 266.2f(8) amend lines 1 and 2 as follows:

To recommend to the **Administrative Council or** Administrative Board, after consultation with the pastor and the Council on Ministries (**where such exists**), the professional and other staff positions needed to carry out the work of the church or charge.

In ¶266.2f(8) amend line 11 as follows: . . . committee shall further recommend to the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board . . .**

Amend ¶ 266.3 as follows:

3. There shall be a Committee on Finance, elected annually by the Charge Conference upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations and Personnel, composed of the chairperson; the pastor(s); a lay member of the Annual Conference; *the chairperson of the Administrative Board; the chairperson of the Council on Ministries* **the chairpersons of the administrative board and the council on ministries or the chairperson of the administrative council;** a representative of the trustees to be selected by

the trustees; the chairperson of the work area on stewardship; the lay leader; the financial secretary; the treasurer; the church business administrator; and other members to be added as the Charge Conference may determine. It is recommended that the chairperson of the Committee on Finance shall be a member of the *Council on Ministries*. **Administrative Council or Council on Ministries.** The financial secretary, treasurer, and church business administrator, if paid employees, shall be members without vote.

Inasmuch as giving is clearly an integral part of Christian life, a program should be developed within every local church to *carry on education in the field of stewardship* **engage in a stewardship education program** *of possessions to the end that there may be* **which results in** growth in *the standard* **the level** of giving, *with an emphasis on concepts* **that reflects the biblical standards** of proportionate giving and tithing. This program should be auxiliary to the area of stewardship in the Board of Discipleship (¶ 260.6).

Amend lines 25-32 to read **Administrative Council or Administrative Board** wherever Administrative Board currently appears.

. . . budget for the local church and submit it to the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board** for review and adoption. The Committee on Finance shall be charged with responsibility for developing and implementing plans which will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board.** It shall administer the funds received according to instructions from the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board.**

The committee shall carry out the *Administrative Board's* **Administrative Council's or Administrative Board's** directions . . .

b) The church treasurer(s) shall disburse all money contributed to causes represented in the local church budget, and such other funds and contributions as the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board** may determine. The treasurer(s) shall remit each month to the conference treasurer all World Service and conference benevolence funds on hand. Contributions to benevolence shall not be used for any cause other than that to which they have been given. The church treasurer shall make regular and detailed reports on funds received and expended to the Committee on Finance and the

Administrative Board **Administrative Council or Administrative Board.**

d) The committee shall recommend to the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board** proper depositories for the church's funds.

f) After the budget of the local church has been approved, additional appropriations or changes in the budget must be approved by the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board.**

g) The committee shall prepare annually a report to the *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board** of all designated . . .

4. The *Administrative Board* **Administrative Council or Administrative Board** may appoint such other committees. . .

Report No. 36

Petitions: LC1280, LC1281, LC1284, LC1285, LC1286, LC1289, LC1290, LC1292, LC1309, LC1312

Subject: Composition of Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 100; For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 220, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.

The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 35.

Report No. 37

Petitions: LC1333

Subject: Vice-chairperson of Committee on Nominations

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 100; For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 221, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 38

Petitions: LC1271, LC1282, LC1283, LC1291

Subject: Composition of the Committee on Nominations

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 100; For 96; Against 4; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 222, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 39

Petitions: LC1331, LC1332
Subject: Rotation of Members of Committee on Finance
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 98; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 223, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 40

Petitions: LC1316
Subject: Prohibit Lotteries for Money for Local Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 224, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 41

Petitions: LC1274, LC1275, LC1276, LC1277, LC1279, LC1306, LC1307
Subject: Accountability of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations to Administrative Board/Council
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 225, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 42

Petitions: LC1313
Subject: Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations Meetings
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 226, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 43

Petitions: LC1320
Subject: Responsibility of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations to Employ Local Church Staff
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 227, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 44

Petitions: LC1326
Subject: Responsibilities of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 96; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 228, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 45

Petitions: LC1328, LC1329
Subject: Responsibilities of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 257, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 46

Petitions: LC1330
Subject: Responsibilities of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 258, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 47

Petitions: LC1304, LC1323
Subject: Delete Provision for Annual Evaluation
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 259, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 48

Petitions: LC1314

Subject: Pastoral Advisory Committee

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 98; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 260, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.

The committee votes concurrence with ¶ 266.2c in the *Book of Discipline* with the following revisions:

c) In those charges where there is more than one church, the committee shall include at least one representative from each local church. The Charge Conference may appoint a local church pastoral advisory committee *for those churches which desire such a committee, the chairperson of which shall be the church's representative in the charge committee.* **for those churches desiring such a committee. The advisory committee shall consist of three persons placed in three classes with the chairperson serving as a member of the charge committee. The committee shall meet upon request of the pastor or of the chairperson, and its duties shall be those outlined in Paragraph 226.2(f) (1) and (2). The committee shall meet only with the knowledge of the pastor.**

Report No. 49

Petitions: LC1318

Subject: Reconciling Action Between a Pastor and Pastor-Parish Relations

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 98; For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 261, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 50

Petitions: LC1053

Subject: Clarifying the Nurturing, Evangelistic, and Outreach Responsibilities

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 95; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 262, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.

The committee votes concurrence with ¶ 204 as amended:

Each local church shall have a definite *membership* **nurturing** and evangelistic responsibility **to its members and the surrounding area and a missional outreach responsibility to the**

local and global community. It shall be responsible for ministering to all its members, wherever they live, and for persons who choose it as their church.

Report No. 51

Petitions: LC1052
Subject: Responsibility of Local Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 263, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 50.

Report No. 52

Petitions: LC1054
Subject: Local Church's Responsibility for Cooperation
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 264, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 2.

Report No. 53

Petitions: LC1060
Subject: Responsibilities of Local Church in Transition Communities
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 96; For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 265, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes concurrence with the deletion in ¶207, as follows:

¶ 207. Since many of the communities in which the local church is located are experiencing transition, *both in inner city urban areas and rural communities*, special attention must be given to form of ministry required in such communities. The local church is required to respond to the changes which are occurring in its surrounding community and to organize its mission and ministry accordingly.

Report No. 54

Petitions: LC1034
Subject: Local Church Structure
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 266, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.

The committee votes concurrence with the recommendations of the General Board of Discipleship's "Report on Study of Local Church Organizational Structure" as follows:

1. That for the reasons cited no major changes in organizational structure should be recommended at this time.

2. That the General Board of Discipleship should continue to monitor structure issues and concerns during the 1985-88 quadrennium and, in conjunction with the General Council on Ministries, determine if structural change recommendations need to be made to the General Conference session in 1988.

3. That, in response to Learning 7, continuing attention be given to developing models of coordination that contribute to productivity, effectiveness, and fulfillment both for individuals and organizations.

(Editor's note: In the full text of the report, "Learning 7" was as follows:

"7. The value of coordination is affirmed by respondents, but there is discomfort with some of the forms and costs of practicing coordination. A prominent theme in these comments deals with 'diffusion as opposed to focusing to get something done' and 'good ideas beaten to death by the time every group talks about them.'

Many responses address coordination directly or indirectly. In evaluating 'what structure helps to achieve,' over 50 percent of the comments answer with comments such as 'coordination and planning,' 'program aspects of Council on Ministries' and 'clarifying responsibilities.' The values of intentionality, collaboration and communication are affirmed by every respondent group. The questions and issues raised concern means, methods, and costs. In addition to the themes above, less than 23 percent of the district superintendent respondents disagree that 'the concept of practice and coordination for age level concerns is important in local churches.' ")

4. That organizational units on the annual conference and general church levels responsible for resourcing local churches cooperate in developing experimental designs to aid local churches in their task of achieving meaningful membership and organizational effectiveness.

5. That additional ways be found to respond to expressed needs for simpler resources that provide access to effective models that can be adapted for local use.

Report No. 55

Petitions: LC1063
Subject: Ministry in Transitional Communities
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 98; For 93; Against 5; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 267, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 409.
The committee votes concurrence.
Amend ¶ 207 by adding paragraphs 3 and 4 as follows:

3. It is recommended that decisions concerning ministry in transitional communities be made after thorough consultation has taken place between structures and agencies in the connection.

4. It is recommended that the commitment of resources in terms of money and personnel to ministries in transitional communities be of sufficient longevity to allow for experimentation, evaluation, and mid-course corrections to insure an adequate effort in ministry in those situations. Evaluations shall involve those on the local level, as well as those at the funding level.

Report No. 56

Petitions: LC1061
Subject: Churches in Transitional Communities
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 268, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 55.

Report No. 57

Petitions: LC1062
Subject: Churches in Transitional Communities
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 269, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes concurrence to adding ¶ 207.5:

5. The ministry of the local church in transition areas may be enhanced by review of and possible development of some form of cooperative parish ministry.

Report No. 58

Petitions: LC1078
Subject: Affiliate Membership

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 270, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes concurrence with ¶ 227 with the following revisions:

¶ 227. A member of The United Methodist Church, **of an affiliated Methodist or United Church, or of a Methodist Church which has a concordat agreement with The United Methodist Church,** residing for an extended period in a city or community at a distance from the member's home church, may on request be enrolled as an affiliate member of a United Methodist church located in the vicinity of the temporary residence.

Report No. 59

Petitions: LC1083
Subject: Inactive Members
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 271, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 60

Petitions: LC1050
Subject: Discontinue Removing Members Involuntarily
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 97; For 97; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 272, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committtee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 61

Petitions: (MN)LC1007
Subject: Amend Procedure to Terminate Members
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 95; Against 2; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 273, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 62

Petitions: LC1039
Subject: Mission Study for Children/Youth

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 99; For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 274, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 63

Petitions: LC1027, LC1029, LC1047
Subject: Broadcasting and Worship
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 100; For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 275, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 64

Petitions: LC1020
Subject: Accessibility for Hearing Impaired
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 101; For 101; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 276, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with amending ¶ 261.3b in the *Book of Discipline* as follows:

Following the words "within the congregation", **including devices to aid communications for persons with vision and hearing handicapping conditions.**

Report No. 65

Petitions: LC1098
Subject: Organization of Local Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 85; For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 404, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 66

Petitions: LC1108
Subject: Organization of Local Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 86; For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 405, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.

The committee votes concurrence with the deletion of present ¶ 245 and the substitution of new ¶ 245 as follows:

¶ 245. The basic organizational plan for the local church shall include provision for the following units: a Charge Conference, an Administrative Council or Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, a Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations, a Board of Trustees, a Committee on Finance, a Committee on Nominations and Personnel, and such other elected leaders, commissions, councils, committees, and task forces as the Charge Conference may determine.

Report No. 67

Petitions: LC1100, LC1102
Subject: Administrative Council Structure
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 86; For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 406, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 66.

Report No. 68

Petitions: LC1153
Subject: Administrative Council
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 407, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 66.

Report No. 69

Petitions: LC1114, LC1115, LC1116
Subject: Chairperson of Administrative Board/Council on Ministries
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 91; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 408, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 70

Petitions: LC1118
Subject: Responsibilities of Charge Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 91; For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 409, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 403. The committee votes concurrence with the deletion of present ¶ 247 and the substitution of a new ¶ 247 as follows:

¶ 247. Powers and Duties—1. The Charge Conference shall be the connecting link between the local church and the general church and shall have general oversight of the Administrative Council(s) or Administrative Board(s).

2. The Charge Conference, the district superintendent, and the pastor shall organize and administer the pastoral charge and churches according to the policies and plans herein set forth. When the membership size, program scope, mission resources, or other circumstances so require, the Charge Conference may, in consultation with and upon the approval of the district superintendent, modify the organizational plans (provided that the provisions of ¶ 244 are observed).

3. The primary responsibilities of the Charge Conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Administrative Council or Administrative Board which are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church.

4. The Charge Conference shall elect a recording secretary who shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings and shall be the custodian of all records and reports, and with the presiding officer shall sign the minutes. A copy of the minutes shall be provided for the district superintendent. When there is only one local church on a charge, the secretary of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board shall be the secretary of the Charge Conference. When there is more than one church on a charge, one of the secretaries of the Administrative Councils (or Administrative Boards) shall be elected to serve as secretary of the Charge Conference.

5. The Charge Conference may elect a church historian, who shall be responsible for preparing, where it does not exist, a history of the local church or churches from the time of organization; shall provide for preserving the same in permanent form; shall bring the history up to date at the close of each year; shall serve as a member of the Committee on Records and History; and shall provide for the preservation of all records and historical materials no longer in current use. There may be a local church Committee on Records and History to assist the church historian in fulfilling these responsibilities.

6. The Charge Conference shall determine the number of members at large to serve on the Administrative Council or

Administrative Board in keeping with the following provisions: churches of five hundred members or less may include at least four but not more than thirty-five members at large, exclusive of ex officio and honorary members. In churches of more than five hundred members there may be elected additional members at large not to exceed the ratio of one for each thirty additional members. The members at large, if elected, shall include at least two young adults between the ages of nineteen and thirty-one and at least two youth nominated by the youth coordinator or Youth Council.

7. The Charge Conference may establish a limit to the consecutive terms of office for any or all of the elected or appointed officers of the local church except where otherwise mandated. It is recommended that no officer serve more than three consecutive years in the same office.

8. The Charge Conference shall examine and recommend to the district Committee on Ordained Ministry, faithfully adhering to the provisions of ¶ 404 (2), candidates for the ordained ministry who have been members in good standing of the local church for at least one year; whose gifts, graces, and call to the ministry clearly establish them as candidates; and who have met the educational requirements.

9. It shall examine and recommend, faithfully adhering to the provisions of ¶ 405, renewal of candidacy of candidates for the ordained ministry.

10. The Charge Conference shall examine and recommend to the responsible church agency any candidates for church-related vocations.

11. The Charge Conference shall affirm the good standing in the congregation of the persons seeking the diaconal minister relationship in the Annual Conference and transmit this information to the conference Board of Diaconal Ministry.

12. The Charge Conference shall recommend to the district or conference Committee on Lay Speaking for certification as lay speakers those persons who have met the standards set forth by the agency to which they are related and shall inquire annually into gifts, labors and usefulness of lay speakers (¶ 273).

13. The Charge Conference shall, in consultation with the district superintendent, set the salary and other remuneration of the pastor and other staff appointed by the bishop.

14. As soon as practicable after the session of Annual Conference, each district superintendent or designated agent shall notify each local church in the district what amounts have been apportioned to it for World Service and conference

benevolences. Following the Annual Conference, it shall be the responsibility of the pastor and the lay member of the Annual Conference and/or the church lay leader to present to a meeting of each Charge Conference a statement of the apportionments for World Service and conference benevolences, explaining the causes supported by each of these funds and their place in the total program of the Church. The district superintendent or designated agent shall also notify each Charge Conference of all other amounts properly apportioned to it (see ¶ 932).

15. The Charge Conference shall receive and act on the annual report from the pastor concerning all membership rolls (see ¶ 233).

16. In those instances where there are two or more churches on a pastoral charge, the Charge Conference may provide for a charge-wide or parish Administrative Council or Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, a charge-wide or parish treasurer, and such other officers, commissions, committees, and task groups as necessary to carry on the work of the charge.

17. In those instances where there are two or more churches on a pastoral charge, the Charge Conference may elect a charge-wide or parish Committee on Nominations and Personnel, a charge-wide or parish Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, a charge-wide or parish Committee on Finance, and a charge-wide or parish Board of Trustees in such instances where property is held in common by two or more churches of the charge. All churches of the charge shall be represented on such charge-wide or parish committees or boards. Charge-wide or parish organization shall be consistent with disciplinary provisions for the local church.

18. In instances of multiple church charges, the Charge Conference shall provide for an equitable distribution of parsonage maintenance and upkeep expense or adequate housing allowance (if Annual Conference policy permits) among the several churches.

19. Such other duties and responsibilities as the General, Jurisdictional, or Annual Conference may duly commit to it.

Report No. 71

Petitions: LC1117, LC1122, LC1123, LC1151, LC1154, LC1155, LC1156, LC1157, LC1158, LC1159, LC1165, LC1166, LC1167

Subject: Mandatory Church Historian

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 93; For 90; Against 3; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 410, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 70.

Report No. 72
Petitions: LC1119, LC1120, LC1136
Subject: Additions to Administrative Board
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 411, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 73
Petitions: LC1125
Subject: Charge Conference as Church Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 412, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with deleting old ¶ 248 and substituting the following new ¶ 248 as follows:

¶ 248. The Church Conference—To encourage broader participation by members of the church, the Charge Conference may be convened as the Church Conference, extending the vote to all local church members present at such meetings. The Church Conference may be authorized by the district superintendent on written request of the pastor or the Administrative Council or Administrative Board or 10 percent of the membership of the local church to the district superintendent, with a copy to the pastor, or at the discretion of the district superintendent. Additional regulations governing the call and conduct of the Charge Conference as set forth in ¶¶ 246-247 shall apply also to the Church Conference. A joint Church Conference for two or more churches may be held at the same time and place, as the district superintendent may determine. A Church Conference shall be conducted in the language of the majority with adequate provision being made for translation. (For Church Local Conference see ¶ 2521.)

Report No. 74
Petitions: LC1127
Subject: Charge Conference Membership

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 413, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 75

Petitions: LC1096
Subject: Organization of Local Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 82; For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 414, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with deletion of present ¶ 244 and substitution of a new ¶ 244 as follows:

¶ 244. The local church shall be organized so that adequate provision is made for these basic responsibilities: (1) planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, and witness for persons and families within and without the congregation; (2) providing for effective pastoral and lay leadership; (3) providing for financial support, physical facilities and legal obligations of the church; and (4) insuring relationships of the local church organizations to appropriate district and Annual Conference structures and programs. Every local church shall choose from one of two plans for organizing its administrative and programmatic responsibilities.

1. Local churches may establish an Administrative Council which shall be both the administrative body to which the members, organizations, and agencies are amenable, and the programmatic body which shall consider, develop, and coordinate goals and program proposals for the church's mission.

2. Or, local churches may establish an Administrative Board to which its members, organizations, and agencies are amenable, and a Council on Ministries which shall consider, develop and coordinate goals and program proposals for the church's mission. Where local church resources permit, this plan is the preferred model for organization. The Administrative Council or Administrative Board shall be amenable to and function as the executive agency of the Charge Conference.

Report No. 76

Petitions: LC1132
Subject: Powers and Duties of Charge/Church Conference

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 415, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with deleting present ¶ 249 and substituting a new ¶ 249 as follows:

¶ 249. The Charge Conference, or Church Conference authorized by the district superintendent, shall elect upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel of each local church on the pastoral charge or by nomination from the floor and by vote of each such local church, at least the following leaders for the four basic responsibilities (¶ 244):

1. Chairperson of the Administrative Council or chairpersons of the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries.

2. The Committee on Nominations and Personnel.

3. The Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations and its chairperson.

4. A chairperson and additional members of the Committee on Finance; the financial secretary and the church treasurer(s) (if not paid employees of the local church); and the trustees as provided in ¶¶ 2520, 2522, unless otherwise required by state law.

5. The lay member(s) of the Annual Conference and lay leader(s).

6. A recording secretary (see ¶____).

7. Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of women, men, youth, young adults, older adults, persons with a handicapping condition, and racial and ethnic minority persons.

8. It shall inquire annually into the gifts, labors and usefulness of the lay speakers related to the charge, and recommend to the district and/or conference Committee on Lay Speaking those persons who have met the standards set forth for a Local Church Lay Speaker and/or for Certified Lay Speaker. (¶¶ 273, 274, 275)

Report No. 77

Petitions: LC1150
Subject: World Service and Conference Benevolences
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 579, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 78

Petitions: LC1148
Subject: Two Levels of Lay Speakers
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 580, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 76.

Report No. 79

Petitions: LC1135, LC1139, LC1140, LC1144, LC1145, LC1146
Subject: Local Church Control of Clergy Salary
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 93; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 581, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 80

Petitions: LC1124, LC1147, LC1149
Subject: Use of Term "Steward"
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 94; For 90; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 582, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 81

Petitions: LC1152
Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 89; For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 583, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes concurrence with deleting present ¶ 250 and adoption of a new ¶ 250.1 as follows:

¶ 250.1. The lay leader is the person elected by the Charge Conference for the following responsibilities:

a) membership in the Charge Conference, the Administrative Council (or the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries) where, along with the pastor, the lay leader shall serve as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the Annual Conference and the general church;

b) continuing involvement in study and training opportunities to develop a growing understanding of the Church's

reason for existence and the types of ministry that will most effectively fulfill the Church's mission;

c) the lay leader shall assist in advising the Administrative Council (or the Administrative Board and its Council on Ministries) of opportunities available and the needs expressed for a more effective ministry of the church through its laity in the community;

d) the lay leader shall be expected to inform the laity of training opportunities provided by the Annual Conference. Where possible, the lay leader shall attend training opportunities in order to strengthen his/her work;

e) In instances where more than one church is on a charge, the Charge Conference shall elect additional lay leaders so that there will be one lay leader in each church.

Report No. 82

Petitions: LC1173
Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 89; For 87; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 584, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 500.
The committee voted to renumber ¶ 250.1e) as ¶ 250.1f) as previously adopted and found in Report No. 81, and insert a new e) to read as follows:

e) Meet regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and the needs for ministry.

Report No. 83

Petitions: LC1175
Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 89; For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 585, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 82.

Report No. 84

Petitions: LC1170
Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 89; For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 586, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 81.

Report No. 85

Petitions: LC1160, LC1162, LC1168, LC1169, LC1171, LC1172, LC1174

Subject: Duties of the Lay Leader in Local Church

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 89; For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 587, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 86

Petitions: LC1176

Subject: Responsibility of Lay Member of Annual Conference

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 89; For 70; Against 19; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 588, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 404.

The committee voted concurrence with new ¶ 250.2 as follows:

2. The lay member(s) of the Annual Conference and one or more alternates shall be elected annually or quadrennially as the Annual Conference directs. If the charge's lay representative to the Annual Conference shall cease to be a member of the charge or shall for any reason fail to serve, an alternate member in the order of election shall serve in place.

Both the lay members and the alternates shall have been members in good standing of The United Methodist Church and of the local church from which they are elected for at least two years (see ¶ 36), except in a newly organized church, which shall have the privilege of representation at the Annual Conference session. No local pastor shall be eligible as a lay member or alternate. United Methodist churches which become part of an ecumenical ministry of which The United Methodist Church is a sponsor shall not be deprived of their right of representation by a lay member in the Annual Conference. The lay member(s) of the Annual Conference along with the pastor shall serve as an interpreter of the actions of the Annual Conference session. These persons shall report to the local church or Administrative Board on actions of the Annual Conference as soon as possible but not later than three months after the close of the conference.

Report No. 87

Petitions: LC1161

Subject: Election of Lay Members

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 102; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 589, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 86.

Report No. 88

Petitions: LC1163
Subject: Lay Members to Annual Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 590, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 81.

Report No. 89

Petitions: LC1164
Subject: Length of Service of Lay Member
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 85; For 85; Against 3; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 591, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 90

Petitions: LC1121
Subject: Local Church Leaders
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 85; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 592, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶¶ 246.5 and 247.4 of the 1980 *Book of Discipline* to read as follows:

Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of women, men, youth, young adults, **persons over 65 years of age,** persons with a handicapping condition, and racial and ethnic minority persons.

Report No. 91

Petitions: LC1105
Subject: Composition of Administrative Council
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 593, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 92

Petitions: LC1134
Subject: Composition of the Administrative Board
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 594, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 93

Petitions: LC1178
Subject: Annual Meeting to be Convened as Church Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 595, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 73.

Report No. 94

Petitions: LC1141, LC1142
Subject: Responsibilities of Charge Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 596, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 95

Petitions: LC1097
Subject: Deletion of ¶¶244-251
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 88; For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 597, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted concurrence with deletion of present ¶¶ 244-251 in the *Book of Discipline.* Replacements have been covered with new legislation in other committee reports.

Report No. 96

Petitions: LC1180
Subject: Responsibilities of Administrative Council
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 598, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.

The committee voted concurrence to add a new ¶ 252.1–.2 as follows:

¶ 252.1. The Administrative Council shall provide for the planning and implementing of the program of nurture and outreach of the church and for the administration of its organizational and temporal life. The Administrative Council shall have all of the responsibilities of the Administrative Board (Par.____) and the Council on Ministries (Par. ____). Its membership shall include the combined membership of those named to the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries insofar as the offices listed in Par.____ and Par.____ exist within the local church. Since a majority of United Methodist churches are of smaller membership (approximately 200 members or less) and may differ as to numbers of leaders, program scope, missional resources, and other ways, the program responsibilities of the Administrative Council can be carried out by chairpersons of nurture and membership care, outreach, and a coordinator of age-level and family ministries.

a) The work area chairperson of nurture and membership care is responsible for the planning and implementation of programs to aid the spiritual growth of persons within the congregation. This chairperson should relate to district and Annual Conference agencies dealing with education, higher education and campus ministry, worship, stewardship, and evangelism.

b) The work area chairperson of outreach is responsible for the planning and implementation of programs to deal with the needs and concerns of persons beyond the congregation, relating the ministry of the local church to the needs of the world. This chairperson should relate to district and Annual Conference agencies dealing with Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society, missions, religion and race, status and role of women, health and welfare ministries, and evangelism.

c) The coordinator of age-level and family ministries is responsible for the coordination of ministry to each age level and to the family as outlined in Par. 258. The coordinator should relate to district and Annual Conference agencies dealing with children's, youth, adult, and family ministries.

d) The chairperson of the Administrative Council may fulfill the responsibilities of lay leader and lay member of the Annual Conference.

2. Churches which desire a more extensive program may establish commissions in one or more of the work areas, and/or councils in one or more of the age-level and family ministries, and/or they may elect other committees and task forces as may be advisable.

Report No. 97

Petitions: LC1103, LC1104, LC1109, LC1110
Subject: Basic Organizational Plan
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 81; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 599, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 96.

Report No. 98

Petitions: LC1181, LC1186, LC1206
Subject: Composition of Administrative Board
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 80; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 600, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 99

Petitions: LC1184
Subject: Composition of the Administrative Board
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 80; For 74; Against 5; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 601, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 100

Petitions: LC1197
Subject: Housing for Pastors
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 102; Present 80; For 71; Against 8; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 602, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 407.
The committee concurred with addition to ¶ 255.3f of the *Book of Discipline* as follows:

¶ 255.3f. Review the recommendation of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee regarding the provision of adequate housing for the pastor, with attention to Annual Conference

parsonage standards, and report the same to the Charge Conference for approval. It is the responsibility of the Administrative Board to provide for adequate housing for the pastor. **Housing shall not be considered as part of the compensation or remuneration, but shall be considered as a means provided by the local church, and for the convenience of the local church, to enable its ministry and the itinerant ministry of the Annual Conference. This legislation is to go into effect immediately.**

Report No. 101

Petitions: LC1217
Subject: Age-Level and Family Coordinator
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 67; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 741, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The legislative committee voted concurrence with the following changes and additions to ¶ 258.1:

¶ 258. Age-Level, *and* Family, **and Specialized Ministry** Coordinators.

1. The Charge Conference shall elect annually a coordinator of children's ministries, a coordinator of youth ministries, a coordinator of adult ministries, and a coordinator of family ministries. Where young adult **and specific age-level** ministries would be enhanced, *a coordinator* **coordinators** of young adult **and/or older adult** ministries may be elected. **Where needs for specialized areas of ministry arise (single adults, persons with handicapping conditions, for example), coordinators of these areas of ministry may be elected.** Each of the coordinators shall, under the guidance of the minister or a representative from the employed professional staff and the chairperson of the Council on Ministries, study the needs of the age group and the goals of the congregation's ministry and coordinate the planning and implementation of a unified and comprehensive ministry with the age group. Each coordinator shall serve as liaison with organizations, persons, and resources in and beyond the local church which relate to the particular age level. The coordinator shall represent on the Council on Ministries the concerns of age-level organizations when they are not otherwise represented.

Report No. 102

Petitions: LC1035, LC1212, LC1214, LC1215, LC1216, LC1218, LC1219, LC1220, LC1221, LC1226
Subject: Coordinator of Age-Level and Special Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 102; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 742, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 500.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 101.

Report No. 103

Petitions: LC1194, LC1195
Subject: Equitable and Uniform Salary
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 66; For 34; Against 29; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 743, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 104

Petitions: LC1198
Subject: Pastor's Housing and Housing Allowance
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 71; For 69; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 744, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 105

Petitions: LC1185
Subject: Composition of Administrative Board
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 745, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted concurrence with addition to ¶253 so that first two paragraphs would read as follows:

¶ 253. Membership. The membership of the Administrative Board shall consist of the following insofar as the offices and relationships exist within the local church:

The pastor and the associate pastor or pastors; diaconal ministers, deaconesses, and home missionaries appointed to serve therein; church and community workers under appointment by and certified by the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries, providing their memberships are in said local church, with an advisory relationship in all other churches to which they are assigned; the lay leader(s); the lay member(s) of the Annual Conference; chairperson of the trustees; the church administrator (business manager); the chairperson of the Committee on Finance; the chairperson of the Committee on

Pastor-Parish Relations **or one of the church's representatives on the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations if the church is part of a charge of more than one church and the chairperson of the committee is from one of the other churches;** the secretary of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel; the church treasurer(s); the financial secretary; **the church historian;** the director or the associate of Christian education or the educational assistant; the director or the associate of evangelism; the director or the associate of music or music assistant; the chairperson of the Council on Ministries; the work area chairpersons; the age-level and family coordinators; the superintendent of the church school; the health and welfare ministries representative; the coordinator of communications; the membership secretary; the president of United Methodist Women; the president of United Methodist Men; the president of the United Methodist Youth Council; members at large (¶ 247.2). The employed professional staff who are members of the Administrative Board shall not vote on matters pertaining to their employee relationship.

(Editor's note: The additions in bold-face type represent amendments contained in Report No. 11 and this report.)

Report No. 106

Petitions: LC1295

Subject: Composition of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 102; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 746, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.*

The committee voted concurrence with addition to ¶ 266.2a in the *Book of Discipline* as shown in bold-face type below:

¶ 266.2a) The members, including the chairperson, shall be elected by the Charge Conference upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations and Personnel. In order to secure experience and stability, the membership shall be divided into three classes, one of which shall be elected each year for a three-year term. Where there is more than one church on a charge, the committee shall include at least one representative from each congregation, **with a representative of each church to be a member of that church's Administrative Board/Administrative Council.**

Report No. 107

Petitions: LC1179, LC1183

Subject: Composition of Administrative Board/Church Conference

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 80; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 747, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 108

Petitions: LC1208, LC1213
Subject: Single Adult Coordinator
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 748, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 109

Petitions: LC1042, LC1207, LC1211
Subject: Composition of Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 749, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 110

Petitions: LC1107
Subject: Local Church Singles Coordinator
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 750, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 111

Petitions: LC1040, LC1239
Subject: Work Area Responsibilities
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 751, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 112

Petitions: LC1199
Subject: Protection of Board of Trustees
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 752, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 113

Petitions: LC1202
Subject: The Administrative Board
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 753, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 114

Petitions: LC1036
Subject: Members of Local Church Agencies To Be Members of UMC
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 754, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 115

Petitions: LC1227
Subject: Ministry of "Peace with Justice" in Each Local Church
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 755, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 116

Petitions: LC1209
Subject: Composition of Local Church Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 72; Against 10; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 756, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 404.

The legislative committee voted concurrence with the following addition in the last line of the first paragraph of ¶ 257:

. . . a lay member of Annual Conference; and two youth members (twelve through eighteen) and two young adult members (nineteen through thirty), **and two older adult members (over sixty-five)** of the congregation, if not otherwise provided for.

Report No. 117

Petitions: LC1237

Subject: Responsibilities of Chairperson of Evangelism

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 757, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.

The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 21.

Report No. 118

Petitions: LC1189

Subject: Organization of Administrative Board

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 758, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.

The legislative committee voted concurrence with amending ¶ 254 as follows:

¶ 254. Organization. The Administrative Board shall be organized annually by the election of a **chairperson,** a vice-chairperson, and a recording secretary. These officers shall be laypersons *elected by the members of the Administrative Board on the nomination of* **nominated by** the Committee on Nominations and Personnel. **The chairperson shall be elected by the Charge Conference. The vice-chairperson and recording secretary shall be elected by the Administrative Board at the first meeting of the new year.** Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Report No. 119

Petitions: LC1188, LC1190

Subject: Election of Administrative Board Chairperson

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 759, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.

The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 118.

Report No. 120

Petitions: LC1236
Subject: Responsibilities of Chairperson of Education
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 760, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted concurrence to add the following as a new paragraph at the end of ¶ 260.3:

The chairperson shall encourage certification of educational assistants as directors or ministers of Christian education or as associates in Christian education.

Report No. 121

Petitions: LC1111
Subject: Responsibilities of Work Area Chairpersons
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 84; For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 761, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 245.1c) as follows:

c) The responsibilities of the work area chairpersons of Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society, missions, religion and race, **status and role of women,** the health and welfare ministries representative, and the outreach function of evangelism may be combined and assigned to a work area chairperson of outreach.

Report No. 122

Petitions: LC1187
Subject: Composition of Committee on Nominations and Personnel
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 762, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 123

Petitions: LC1200
Subject: Responsibilities of Administrative Board

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 763, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 124

Petitions: LC1022
Subject: Commission on Status and Role of Women Not Mandatory
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 79; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 764, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 125

Petitions: LC1101, LC1106
Subject: Composition of Administrative Council
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 83; For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 765, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 126

Petitions: LC1099
Subject: Organization and Administration—Local Church
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 79; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 766, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 121.

Report No. 127

Petitions: LC1025
Subject: Composition of Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 767, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 14.

Report No. 128

Petitions: LC1231,LC1238

Subject: Responsibilities of Chairperson of Stewardship

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 102; Present 71; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 768, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.

The legislative committee voted concurrence with renumbering current ¶ 260.8 as ¶ 260.9 and amending as follows:

¶ 260.9. The work area chairperson of stewardship shall interpret the biblical and theological basis for stewardship consistent with the doctrines of The United Methodist Church and inform the church of the same through educational channels and study materials. The chairperson shall keep **before** the Council on Ministries *aware of* the meaning of *the* stewardship *of life, time, talent and material possessions as evidences of the fruits of the Spirit.* **as it pertains to such issues as stewardship education, proportionate giving and tithing, funding the church's ministries, planned giving, money management, time and abilities, economics and management, and life style.** *In keeping with the standards and guidance material supplied* He/she shall **use resources furnished** by the general and Annual Conference boards as the recommended **resources and programs which help** *for keeping the people* **members and constituents** involved in **the voluntary** service *and* **that fulfills the church's** mission. In churches where the Commission on Stewardship is organized, the Council on Ministries shall elect representatives of the Committee on Finance to serve on the commission. The chairperson of the work area on stewardship shall be a member of the Committee on Finance.

The chairperson of stewardship in cooperation with the Council on Ministries may: (1) organize a Wills **and Estate Planning** Task Force which shall have the responsibility to (a) emphasize the need for adults of all ages to have **a will and an estate plan** *wills* and provide information on the preparation of *wills* **these to** the members of the congregation, (b) stress the **opportunities** *need* for church members and constituents to make **provisions for giving through** *bequests and special gifts to* United Methodist churches, institutions, agencies and causes by means of wills, annuities, trusts, life insurance, memorials, and various types of property; **(2) arrange for the dissemination of information that will be helpful in preretirement planning, including such considerations as establishing a Living Will and a Living Trust; (3) recommend an educational design to stress the need for each person to designate someone to serve as a responsible**

advocate should independent decision-making ability be lost. *The task force shall receive* Resources **for these tasks may be secured** from the **General** Board of Discipleship **and other appropriate sources** for program assistance and direction.

Report No. 129

Petitions: LC1234, LC1293, LC1297
Subject: Composition of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 769, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 130

Petitions: LC1321
Subject: Responsibilities of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 770, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 266.2f (4), lines 15 and 16, as follows:

. . . church and by the church as a *private home of the pastor's family* **place of privacy for the pastor's family.** The chairperson. . . .

Report No. 131

Petitions: LC1021, LC1272
Subject: Responsibilities of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 771, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 34.

Report No. 132

Petitions: LC1296, LC1322, LC1324, LC1325
Subject: Responsibilities of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 772, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 133
Petitions: LC1294, LC1298, LC1299, LC1300, LC1301, LC1302, LC1310
Subject: Composition of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 773, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 134
Petitions: LC1308, LC1327
Subject: Housing for Clergy Couples
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 774, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committtee voted concurrence to refer to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Report No. 135
Petitions: LC1288
Subject: Composition of Committees—Older Adults
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 775, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 143.

Report No. 136
Petitions: LC1026, LC1278, LC1303, LC1342, LC-MN1008
Subject: Annual Evaluation of Pastors
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 776, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 137
Petitions: LC1252
Subject: Mandatory Fellowship of United Methodist Men

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 39; Against 19; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 777, Defeated May 10, 1984, Journal Page 409.
The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 262.6 to read as follows:

6. United Methodist Men—Each Church, *or* charge, **or parish** shall *be encouraged to* have a fellowship of United Methodist Men chartered through the Board of Discipleship to provide another channel for involving men in the total ministry of the church.

Report No. 138

Petitions: LC1251, LC1253, LC1258, LC1311
Subject: Mandatory United Methodist Men
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 58; For 56; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 778, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 137.

Report No. 139

Petitions: LC1334
Subject: Method of Organizing a New Local Church
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 58; For 57; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 779, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 140

Petitions: LC1024
Subject: Committee on Memorial Gifts
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 780, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 266.4 to read as follows:

The Administrative Board may appoint such other committees as it deems advisable, including: Committee on Communications, Committtee on Estate Planning, Committee on Records and History, *and* Committee on Health and Welfare, **and Committee on Memorial Gifts.**

Also, the committee voted to refer the petition to the General Board of Discipleship for preparation of appropriate resource material.

Report No. 141

Petitions: LC1305
Subject: Bonding of Church Treasurer
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 58; For 54; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 781, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 409.
The committee voted concurrence to add the following sentence at the end of Paragraph 266.3b: **The treasurer(s) shall be adequately bonded.**

Report No. 142

Petitions: LCAD1044, LC1315, LC1317
Subject: Involvement of Homosexuals in the Church
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 58; For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 782, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 409.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of the Social Principles.

Report No. 143

Petitions: LC1177
Subject: Duties of Charge/Church Conference
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 53; For 51; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 783, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 501.
Voted concurrence with new ¶ 251 as printed below, and voted to reverse the order of ¶¶ 250 and 251, so that present ¶ 250 would be ¶ 251 and present ¶ 251 would become ¶ 250.

Reorder and amend as follows:

¶ 251. The Charge Conference, or Church Conference authorized by the district superintendent, may elect, upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel of each local church on the pastoral charge or by nomination from the floor and by vote of each such church, such leaders and officers of the local church(es) as it may choose from among the following, who may be known as stewards. (Stewards are lay persons who are entrusted, along with the pastor(s), with leadership responsibilities for the spiritual and temporal life of the local church.):

1. Chairpersons of work areas (Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society, education, evangelism, higher education and campus ministry, missions, religion and race, stewardship, worship), age-level coordinators (family, children, youth, adult), secretary of career planning and

counseling, superintendent of the church school, health and welfare ministries representative, coordinator of communications, district steward, church historian, and membership secretary.

2. Members at large of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board.

3. Such other personnel and committees as it may choose or as may elsewhere be ordered by the Discipline.

4. Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of women, men, youth, young adults, persons with a handicapping condition, and racial and ethnic minority persons.

Report No. 144

Petitions: LC1044
Subject: Responsibility of Peace with Justice Advocate
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 784, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of existing disciplinary provisions.

Report No. 145

Petitions: LC1247
Subject: Use of the Term "Sunday School Superintendent"
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 102; Present 54; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 785, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 146

Petitions: LC1032, LC1248, LC1249, LC1250, LC1263
Subject: Church School Groups
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 786, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 147

Petitions: LC1254, LC1259, LC1260, LC1261
Subject: United Methodist Women Not Mandatory
Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 59; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 787, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 148

Petitions: LC1241, LC1242
Subject: Healing Ministry
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 788, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to refer to the General Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 149

Petitions: LC1269
Subject: Inclusion of Children in Work Areas
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 33; Against 23; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 789, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 150

Petitions: LC1265
Subject: Inclusion of Children in Children's Council
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 60; For 28; Against 26; Not Voting 6.
Calendar No. 790, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 151

Petitions: LC1262
Subject: Young Adult Ministry
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 62; For 60; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 942, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 152

Petitions: LC1245
Subject: Responsibility for Nursery School Programs
Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 943, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 153

Petitions: LC1038
Subject: Ministry to Single Adults
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 66; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 944, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends concurrence to amend ¶ 262 by adding a new .4 after current .3 and renumbering the following sections; the new ¶ 262.4 will read as follows:

¶ 262.4. Single Adult Ministry. The ministry of the local church shall include and be extended to persons of all ages who are single, widowed, divorced, never married, or married and spouse-absent. These persons share unique needs and life situations toward which the church can direct its support, love, and Christian responsibility. Such a ministry shall be the responsibility of the Council on Ministries or Administrative Council, working through its adult coordinator or single adult coordinator, if elected, its coordinator of age-level and family ministries, or the Adult/Single Adult/Older Adult Council, if organized. A cooperative approach to single adult ministries with other churches, denominations, community organizations, and groups shall be encouraged as valid outreach ministry of the local United Methodist church.

Report No. 154

Petitions: LC1256
Subject: Single Adult Coordinator
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 945, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 153.

Report No. 155

Petitions: LC1018
Subject: Adult Council
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 946, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 263.3 as follows:

3. Adult Council.—Representatives of adult study/action groups, fellowship groups, administrative groups, and service organizations such as United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and *young adult ministry* **special adult ministries,** and representatives of work areas (Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society, education, evangelism, higher education and campus ministry, missions, religion and race, stewardship, and worship) related to the church's ministry with adults. *Where the young adult ministries would be enhanced, a Young Adult Council may be organized. Where the older adult ministries would be enhanced, an Older Adult Council may be organized.* **Where special adult ministries would be enhanced, a Young Adult, a Single Adult, and/or an Older Adult Council may be organized.**

Report No. 156

Petitions: LC1264

Subject: Coordinator of Older Adult Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 947, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 157

Petitions: LC1266, LC1267

Subject: Single Adult Council

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 948, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 155.

Report No. 158

Petitions: LC1037

Subject: Ministry to Single Adults

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 69; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 949, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted concurrence to refer to the General Board of Discipleship and the General Council on Ministries.

Report No. 159

Petitions: LC1358, LC1359
Subject: Archives and Records of Merged Church
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 69; For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 950, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence with amending ¶ 2538.5 as follows:

5. All archives and records of a *merged or closed church* **churches involved in a merger** shall become the responsibility of the successor church *or the conference Commission on Archives and History.*

Report No. 160

Petitions: LC1347
Subject: Rotation System for Board of Trustees
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 69; For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 951, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 161

Petitions: LC1350
Subject: Wider Use of Church Facilities
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 952, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 162

Petitions: LC1348
Subject: Sub-committee on Memorials
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 953, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 163

Petitions: LC1349
Subject: Investment Policies
Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 954, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 164

Petitions: LC1353, LC1356, LC1355, LC1357
Subject: Demolition of Real Property
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 955, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 165

Petitions: LC1255
Subject: Older Adult Ministry
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 956, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to amend the second sentence in ¶ 262.4 as follows:

This *such* ministry shall *seek to meet* **serve the twofold purpose of meeting** the needs of *older adults and bring them into* **such persons within the congregation and of recognizing them as a valuable resource and as full participants in** the fellowship, ministry, and service of the local congregation.

Report No. 166

Petitions: LC1240
Subject: Responsibilities of Health and Welfare Representatives
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 957, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 261.2 as amended:

2. The health and welfare ministries representative, if elected, shall assist the local church and its people to be involved in direct service to persons in need, especially in the areas of child care, aging, health care, and handicapping conditions and shall help coordinate these ministries. The representative shall serve as the chairperson of the Committee on Health and Welfare Ministries,

if it is organized, or may serve as a member of the work *area commissions* **areas** on missions and/or church and society.

The responsibilities of this representative shall be: (a) to act as liaison between the local church **and district** and *the* Annual Conference *and general church* Health and Welfare Ministries units; **to act as liaison between the local church and the Health and Welfare Ministries Department;** and to make use of guidance materials and leadership training from these units; (b) to help the local church *be knowledgeable* **to know** about, *be supportive of* **to support** and **to** make use of services provided through *United Methodist-related* health and welfare *agencies* **institutions and programs** *in* **within** the Annual Conference *or geographic area;* **that are related to a connectional unit of The United Methodist Church;** (c) to promote within the local church the observance of the Golden Cross offering and other *efforts to provide financial support* **means of giving** for health and welfare ministries; (d) to work through the Council on Ministries and with other groups in the *local* church **and community,** *particularly the work areas on missions and church and society,* to locate human need in the church and community, to support existing programs or to initiate new programs, including local church direct service ministries, *to meet those needs,* and to advocate needed social change; (e) to encourage the local church to be aware of **the gifts and** needs of persons with handicapping conditions *and mental retardation, especially* **as well as** the need for the local church to be structurally accessible.

Report No. 167

Petitions: LC1244, LC1246
Subject: Responsibilities of Health and Welfare Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 958, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 166.

Report No. 168

Petitions: LC1360
Subject: Discontinuation of Abandoned Property
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 68; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 959, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted concurrence with ¶ 2541.1 as amended:

¶ 2541. **Discontinuation or Abandonment of Local Church Property.—1.** With the consent of the presiding bishop and of a majority of the district superintendents and of the district Board of Church Location and Building of the district in which the action is contemplated, **and in consultation with the appropriate conference agency assigned the responsibility of the Annual Conference parish and community development strategy,** the Annual Conference may declare any local church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. It shall be the duty of *its* **the local church's** Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct; and if no lawful trustees remain or if for any reason said trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference, *provided that a public notice be given in the local newspaper at least thirty days before the property is announced for sale.* It shall be the duty of the trustees thus effecting sale to remove, insofar as reasonably possible, all Christian and church insignia and symbols from such property. In the event of loss, damage to, or destruction of such local church property, the trustees of the Annual Conference are authorized to collect and receipt for any insurance payable on account thereof, as the duly and legally authorized representative of such local church. (¶ 2541.2-.4 would remain unchanged.)

Report No. 169

Petitions: LC1362, LC1363
Subject: Discontinuation of Abandoned Property
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 960, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 168.

Report No. 170

Petitions: LC1071, LC1089, LC1092
Subject: Membership Requirements
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 961, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted to refer to the General Board of Discipleship for study.

Report No. 171

Petitions: LC1364
Subject: Episcopal and Lay Addresses
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 962, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted to refer the 1984 Episcopal Address and Lay Address to the General Council on Ministries.

Report No. 172

Petitions: LC1055
Subject: Circuits as Cooperative Parishes
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 963, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 206.3 (4) as follows:

(4) Enlarged charge—two or more congregations, **usually on the same circuit and** of relatively equal size, that work as a unit with the leadership of one *pastor* **or more pastors.** There may be a charge Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, and necessary committees.

Report No. 173

Petitions: LC1056
Subject: Cooperative Parish Development
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 964, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 206.2 as follows:

¶ 206.2. Annual Conferences shall consider a process of cooperative parish development through which cooperative parish ministries are initiated and developed, **in both urban and town and country situations.** Parish development is an intentional plan of enabling congregations, church-related agencies, and pastors in a defined geographic area to develop a relationship of trust and mutuality which results in coordinated church programs and ministry, supported by appropriate organizational structures and policy. A superintendent or director of parish development may be appointed to work with the cabinet(s) in the implementation of these ministries in a conference or an area.

Report No. 174

Petitions: LC1058
Subject: Cooperative Parish Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 69; For 66; Against 3; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 965, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 409.
The committee voted concurrence to add a new ¶ 206.3 (8) as follows:

(8) **Ecumenical parish—a group of United Methodist churches and churches of other Christian traditions joined in a common shared ministry.**

Report No. 175

Petitions: LC1057
Subject: Cooperative Parish Development
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 966, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report Nos. 173 and 174.

Report No. 176

Petitions: LC1059
Subject: Multiple Charge Parish
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 967, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶206.3(2) as follows:

(2) Multiple charge parish—*a number of congregations* **an intentionally organized group** of two or more **pastoral** charges *maintaining clear charge identity* **in which each church continues to relate to its charge conference** on the organizational level and *meeting parish-wide for charge conference,* **also participates in a parish-wide council.** *served by ministers* **The ministers are** appointed to **the** charges and **also** to the parish, **and a director or coordinator is appointed by the bishop.**

Report No. 177

Petitions: LC1079
Subject: Affiliate Membership
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 64; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 968, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 410.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 227 as follows:

¶ 227. A member of The United Methodist Church, residing for an extended period in a city or community at a distance from the member's home church, may on request be enrolled as an affiliate member of a United Methodist church located in the vicinity of the temporary residence. The home pastor shall be notified of the affiliate membership. Such membership shall entitle the person to the fellowship of that church, to its pastoral care and oversight, and to participation in its activities, including the holding of office, **except such office which would place one on the Administrative Board or Administrative Council,** but that person shall be counted and reported only as a member of the home church. A member of another denomination may become an associate member under the same conditions.

Report No. 178

Petitions: LC1080, LC1130

Subject: Affiliate and Associate Members

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 64; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 969, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committtee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Report No. 177.

Report No. 179

Petitions: LC1081

Subject: Termination of Affiliate or Associate Membership

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 64; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 970, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted concurrence to add the following sentence at the end of ¶ 227 as previously amended (see Report No. 177):

This relationship may be terminated at the discretion of the United Methodist Church in which the affiliate or associate membership is held, whenever the affiliate or associate member shall move from the vicinity of the United Methodist church in which the affiliate or associate membership is held.

Report No. 180

Petitions: LC1091

Subject: Membership Records of Union or Federated Churches

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 64; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 971, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to add the following .7 to ¶ 232:

7. In the case of a union or federated church with a church of another denomination, the governing body of such a church may report an equal share of the total membership to each judicatory, and such membership shall be published in the minutes of each church with a note to the effect that the report is that of a union or federated church and with an indication of the total actual membership.

Report No. 181

Petitions: LC1094
Subject: Membership Records and Reports
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 65; For 64; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 972, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to add the following to the end of ¶ 235:

. . . to the Administrative Board **and the Council on Ministries through the chairperson of evangelism.**

Report No. 182

Petitions: LC1041
Subject: Creating New Part IV—"The Ministry of All Christians"
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 973, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence with the following resolution:

Creating in the Book of Discipline a New Part IV, "The Ministry of All Christians"

Rationale

The current ¶¶ 101-110 are titled "The Ministry of All Christians." They are a statement of the Biblical and theological bases out of which arises the self-understanding of the people of God organized for mission as The United Methodist Church.

The General Council on Ministries believes the content of ¶¶ 101-110 is unique and distinctive from organizational and

administrative matters. Rather than addressing matters of structure, the material speaks to the identity of the people who organize according to *The Book of Discipline.* In that sense, "The Ministry of All Christians" is akin to those statements that stand apart in *The Book of Discipline* as Parts II and III and merits similar status in the format of the book.

Petition

The General Council on Ministries petitions the 1984 General Conference to reorganize the format of *The Book of Discipline* to:

1. create a new Part IV, ¶¶ 101-110, titled "The Ministry of all Christians."

2. renumber old Part IV as Part V, Organization and Administration, ¶¶ 201-2626.

3. renumber chapters in new Part V as required, present Chapter 2 becoming Chapter 1, etc.

Report No. 183

Petitions: LC1006

Subject: Mission and Ministry of the Church

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 974, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted concurrence with the following:

Title—Change the title of Chapter One from *The Ministry of All Christians* to **The Mission and Ministry of the Church.**

In present ¶ 101. Delete the present Section I Title and present ¶ 101. Portions of present ¶ 101 will be included in new ¶¶ 102 and 104. Renumber present Section II title as Section I title, and renumber present ¶ 102 as new ¶ 101, as shown below and in subsequent reports:

Section I. The Church as Covenant Community.

¶ 101. In Christ the love of God came into this world in a unique way. He came not to be served but to serve (Mark 10:45) and to give his life in and for the world. Christ freely took the nature of a servant, carrying that servanthood to its utmost limits (Philippians 2:7). All Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. The Christian Church, as the Body of Christ, is that community whose members share both his mind and mission. The heart of Christian ministry is shown by a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration, and discipleship. All Christians are called to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of this ministry are diverse in

locale, in interest, and in denominational accent, yet also always catholic in spirit and outreach.

Report No. 184

Petitions: LC1007
Subject: The Church as Covenant Community
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 975, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted concurrence to renumber present ¶ 102 and use as new ¶101 and to have new ¶ 102 read as shown below:

¶ *102.* **101.** From the beginning, God has dealt with the human family through covenants: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Moses; with Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah and other prophets. In each covenant, God offered the chosen people the blessings of providence and commanded of them obedience to the divine will and way, that through them all the world should be blessed (Genesis 18:18; 22:18). In the new covenant in Christ, yet another community of hope was called out and gathered up, with the same promise and condition renewed that all who believe and obey shall be saved and made ministers of Christ's righteousness. John Wesley and our other spiritual forebears stressed this biblical theme of covenant-making and covenant-keeping as central in Christian experience.

¶ 102. The biblical story is marred by disregarded covenants and disrupted moral order, by sin and rebellion, with the resulting tragedies of alienation, oppression, and disorder. In the gospel of the new covenant, God in Christ has provided a new basis for reconciliation—justification of faith and birth into a new life in the Spirit, which is marked by growth toward wholeness. This wholeness of life is a gift revealed in Christ, who came not to be served but to serve (Mark 10:45) and to give his life for the world. Christ freely took the nature of a servant, carrying this servanthood to its utmost limits (Philippians 2:7).

Report No. 185

Petitions: LC1009
Subject: The Mission of the Church
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 976, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted concurrence as follows:

The present Section II title is renumbered and used as new Section I. Delete present ¶ 103, which was included in new ¶ 102, in its entirety. Title new Section II and add new ¶ 103 as shown below:

¶ 103. The biblical story is marred by disregarded covenants and disrupted moral order, by sin and rebellion, with the resulting tragedies of alienation, oppression, and disorder. In the gospel of the new covenant, God in Christ has provided a new basis for reconciliation—justification by faith and birth into a new life in the Spirit, which is marked by growth toward wholeness.

Section II. The Mission of the Church

¶ 103. God's self-revelation in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ summons the church to mission in the world through witness by word and deed. The visible Church of Christ as a faithful community of persons affirms the worth of all humanity and the value of interrelationship in all of God's creation.

In the midst of a sinful world, through the grace of God, we are brought to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. We become aware of the presence and life giving power of God's Holy Spirit. We live in confident expectation of the ultimate fulfillment of God's purpose.

We are called together for worship and fellowship and for the upbuilding of the Christian community. We advocate and work for the unity of the Christian Church. We call persons into discipleship.

As servants of Christ we are sent into the world to engage in the struggle for justice and reconciliation. We seek to reveal the love of God for men, women, children of all ethnic, racial , cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing of the gospel with those who suffer.

Report No. 186

Petitions: LC1010, LC1011, LC1012, LC1013, LC1015, LC1017

Subject: The General and Representative Ministry

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 977, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted concurrence with the recommendation to renumber ¶¶ 104 as 105, 105 as 106, 106 as 107, 107 as 108 and 109 as 110.

Report No. 187

Petitions: LC1002

Subject: The Heart of the Christian Ministry

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 978, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee voted concurrence to a new ¶ 104 as follows:

¶ 104. The heart of Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of this ministry are diverse in locale, in interest, and in denominational accent, yet always catholic in spirit and outreach.

Report No. 188

Petitions: LC1001

Subject: The Fulfillment of Ministry Through The United Methodist Church

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 102; Present 63; For 62; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 979, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 501.

Voted concurrence with the recommendation to add a new section heading and paragraph to the end of Part IV, Chapter One, as follows:

Section VI. The Fulfillment of Ministry Through The United Methodist Church.

¶ 111. Affirming the spiritual dimensions of the ministry of all Christians, as proclaimed in ¶¶ 101-110 of this Book of Discipline, it is recognized that this ministry exists in the secular world and that civil authorities may seek legal definition predicated on the nature of The United Methodist Church in seeking fulfillment of this ministry. Accordingly, it is appropriate that the meaning of "The United Methodist Church," the "general Church," the "entire Church" and "the Church" as used in the Book of Discipline should now be stated consistently with the traditional self-understanding of United Methodists as to the meaning of those words.

These terms refer to the overall denomination and connectional relation and identity of its many local churches, the

various conferences and their respective councils, boards, and agencies, and other church units, which collectively constitute the religious system known as United Methodism. Under the Constitution and disciplinary procedures set forth in this Book of Discipline, "The United Methodist Church" as a denominational whole is not an entity, nor does it possess legal capacities and attributes. It does not and cannot hold title to property, nor does it have any officer, agent, employee, office or location. Conferences, councils, boards, agencies, local churches, and other units bearing the name "United Methodist" are, for the most part, legal entities capable of suing and being sued and possessed of legal capacities.

Report No. 189

Petitions: LC-AD1087
Subject: The Objective of Mission
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 980, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
Voted nonconcurrence in favor of legislation previously adopted.

Report No. 190

Petitions: LC1008
Subect: Scriptural Basis for Covenant Community
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 981, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 191

Petitions: LC1354
Subject: Local Church Property
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 58; For 54; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 982, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 410.
The committee voted concurrence with amending ¶¶ 2532, 2532.3, 2533 and 2533.3 as follows:

¶ 2532. Any real property owned by, or in which an unincorporated local church has any interest, may be sold, transferred, **leased for a term which exceeds 5 years,** or mortgaged subject to the following procedure and conditions:

(¶ 2532.1-.2 remain unchanged.)

3. The written consent of the pastor of the local church and the district superintendent to the proposed action shall be necessary and shall be affixed to the instrument of sale, transfer, **lease,** or mortgage. Prior to consenting to the proposed action to sell or transfer any United Methodist church property, they are to insure that: (a) a full investigation be made and, **if warranted,** an appropriate plan of action be developed for the future missional needs of the community by The United Methodist Church; **and (b) the transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline and to appropriate governmental requirements. Such written consent shall be conclusive evidence that the transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline.** The requirements of investigation and the development of a plan of action, **however,** shall not affect the merchantability of the title to the real estate or the legal effect of the instruments of sale or transfer.

(¶ 2532.4 remains unchanged.)

¶ 2533. Any real property owned by, or in which an incorporated local church has any interest, may be sold, transferred, **leased for a term which exceeds 5 years** or mortgaged subject to the following procedure and conditions:

(¶ 2533.1-.2 remain unchanged.)

3. The written consent of the pastor of the local church and the district superintendent to the proposed action shall be necessary and shall be affixed to the instrument of sale, conveyance, transfer, **lease,** or mortgage. **Prior to consenting to the proposed action to sell or transfer any United Methodist church property, they are to insure that: (a) a full investigation be made and, if warranted, an appropriate plan of action be developed for the future missional needs of the community by The United Methodist Church; and (b) the transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline and to appropriate governmental requirements. Such written consent shall be conclusive evidence that the transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline. The requirements of investigation and the development of a plan of action shall not affect the merchantability of the title to the real estate or the legal effect of the instruments of sale or transfer.**

(¶ 2533.4-.6 remain unchanged.)

Report No. 192

Petitions: LC1016
Subject: Specialized Ministries of a Pastor
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 983, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 193

Petitions: LC1031, LC1033
Subject: Infant Dedication
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 984, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 194

Petitions: LC1046
Subject: Shared Building Usage
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 985, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 195

Petitions: LC1064
Subject: Delete ¶208
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 986, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 196

Petitions: LC1065
Subject: The Meaning of Membership
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 987, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 197

Petitions: LC1066
Subject: Administration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 988, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 198
Petitions: LC1067, LC1069, LC1070, LC1072, LC1075
Subject: Admission to the Local Church
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 989, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 199
Petitions: LC1073
Subject: Admission to the Church
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 990, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 200
Petitions: LC1074, LC1076
Subject: Admission to the Church
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 991, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 201
Petitions: LC1077
Subject: Christian Nurture
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 992, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 202
Petitions: LC1082, LC1084, LC1085, LC1086, LC1087, LC1088, LC1090

Subject: Care of Members
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 993, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 203

Petitions: LC1093
Subject: Division of Full Membership Roll
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 994, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 204

Petitions: LC1095
Subject: Local Church Determine Amount Accepted for World Service and Conference Benevolences
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 995, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 205

Petitions: LC1113
Subject: Composition of Committee on Finance
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 102; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 996, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

COMMITTEE NO. 8

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Barbara R. Thompson, chairperson; *Walter L. Underwood,* vice-chairperson; Robert W. Stevens, secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 125-128.

Report No. 1

Petitions: FA1069, FA1070, FA1071
Subject: 1985-88 Budget Limit
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 88; Present 85: For 59; Against 25; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 3, Defeated May 4, 1984, Journal Page 237.
The committee recommends concurrence with the petitions to resolve that:

The total general church funds apportioned to the annual conferences for the 1985-88 quadrennium shall not be increased by more than 22 percent over the amount apportioned for the 1981-84 quadrennium. The 22 percent limit will be equally applied to the administrative budgets and benevolent budgets.

Report No. 1 (Minority Report)

Petitions: FA1069, FA1070, FA1071
Subject: 1985-88 Budget Limit
Date: May 3, 1984
Calendar No. 4, Adopted May 4, 1984, Journal Page 239.

RESOLVED that the general church funds apportioned to the annual conferences for the 1985-88 quadrennium shall not be increased by more than 26 percent over the amount apportioned for the 1981-84 quadrennium.

RATIONALE: The amount of budget increase recommended by the General Council on Finance and Administration for the quadrennium 1985-88 is about 32 percent. The majority report is for a maximum 22 percent increase.

This minority report, recommending a ceiling of a 26 percent increase, would address the very real concerns expressed by the many annual conferences for a ceiling on expenditures and would, at the same time, provide for the genuine program needs of the general church.

Donna LaPoint, Roberto Escamilla, Marjorie Burns, Frank Finkbiner, Dwight M. Bittner, Paul E. Stuckey, James H. McCormack, John Schwiebert, Norman K. Quick, Harold H. Quickel, Jim B. Waterfield, Leta L. Merrow, Alice M. Trost, Leon McKenzie, Harry E. Shaner, R. Randy Day, David Dolsen.

Report No. 2

Petitions: FA1220-1227
Subject: Ministerial Education Fund
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 88; Present 78; For 67; Against 10; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 71, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 501.
The committee recommends as a substitute for the petitions the adoption of the following amendment to ¶ 920.1 as printed in the 1980 *Book of Discipline:*

Add following ". . . . through its Board of Ordained Ministry," in the first sentence: **administrative costs of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall be a claim on the conference operating budget.**

Report No. 3

Petitions: FA1024
Subject: Audit Review Committee
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 88; Present 72; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 147, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 501.
The committee recommends the adoption of ¶ 713.3 to read as follows:

3. The council may establish an Audit Review Committee to review all of the reports and audits required by ¶ 713.1-.2. If the council chooses to establish such a committee, at least half of its members should be persons who are not members of the council and who are chosen for their expertise in areas related to the work of the committee.

Report No. 4

Petitions: FA1025
Subject: Election of Conference Treasurer
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 88; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 148, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 501.
The committee recommends the adoption of ¶ 715.1, as follows (other portions of ¶715.1 would be unchanged):

¶ 715. Conference Treasurer.—1. Each Annual Conference, on nomination of its Council on Finance and Administration, shall at the first session of the conference after the quadrennial session of the General Conference **or Jurisdictional Conference,** or at such other times as a vacancy exists, elect a conference treasurer.

This action is to be effective upon adjournment of this Conference.

Report No. 5

Petitions: FA1116, FA1118, FA1120-FA1125, FA1127-FA1134, FA1140-FA1143, FA1146, FA1148-FA1149, FA1150-FA1170, FA1173-FA1175, CS1279, FA-MN1156

Subject: Use of Funds

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 88; Present 77; For 68; Against 8; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 149, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 332.

The committee voted nonconcurrence with all petitions relating to ¶ 906.13 and recommends that no change be made to ¶ 906.13 in the 1980 *Discipline*.

Report No. 6

Petitions: FA1089, FA1268

Subject: *Ministerial Pension Plan-Comprehensive Protection Plan* Plan Documents as Amended

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 88; Present 80; For 77; Against 3: Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 150, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 455.

The committee recommends the adoption of the amendments to the plan documents for the Ministerial Pension Plan and the Comprehensive Protection Plan as follows:

MINISTERIAL PENSION PLAN

Amend MPP Section 2.1 (k) as follows:

2.1 (k) "Plan Compensation" means for an Active Participant the sum of the following:

(1) Cash salary received from Church-related sources.

(2) *Effective commencing January 1, 1986, the amount designated as utility allowance; or where the church pays the utilities directly, the amount paid, but not to exceed 10 percent of the sum of the cash salary plus any tax-deferred annuity contributions in (4) below.*

(2) *(3)* Housing allowance; or when a parsonage is provided, 20 percent (25 percent effective on and after January 1, 1990) of the sum of the cash salary plus any tax-deferred annuity contributions in *(4)* (3) below as the approximate value of that parsonage.

(3) *(4)* Any tax-deferred annuity contribution paid by the salary-paying unit during the year under another tax-deferred annuity program.

Amend MPP subsection 3.1(a) as follows:

3.1 General Rule.

(a) A person shall be a Participant in this plan on January 1, 1982, if on such date the person is eligible to participate in a "church plan" as defined in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time and is:

(i) a bishop of The United Methodist Church elected by a Jurisdictional Conference;

(ii) a ministerial member **(except one who is granted a leave of absence)** of an Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or a Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference; or

(iii) a local pastor of The United Methodist Church under episcopal appointment to a charge **and who has been previously approved by the Board of the Ordained Ministry and classified as eligible for appointment as full-time, part-time, or student.**

Amend MPP subsection 4.1 as follows:

4.1 Church Contributions.

(a) Except as provided in ¶s (b), (d) **and (e)** below, the Church shall, for each Plan Year, contribute 12 percent of each Active Participant's Contribution Base. One-twelfth of the annual Church contribution shall be payable to the Plan each month. In no event shall Church contributions for a particular Plan Year be accepted by the Plan after the September 30th immediately following the close of that Plan Year.

(b) The recommended contribution rate is 12 percent.

(c) *(b)* An Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or a Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference may annually elect, after consultation with the General Board, to have the Church contribution rate in that conference under ¶ (a) be:

(i) For the period January 1, 1982, through December 31, 1985, 9 percent, 10 percent, or 11 percent of the Contribution Base.

(ii) For the period January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1989, 10 percent or 11 percent of the Contribution Base.

(iii) For the period January 1, 1990, and thereafter, 11 percent of the Contribution Base.

(d) *(c)* An Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference (or such other applicable unit as set forth in subsection 4.2(c), (d) or (e)) may annually elect that the Contribution Base shall be either:

(i) The Active Participant's Plan Compensation for a Plan Year not to exceed 150 percent of the Denominational Average Compensation; or

(ii) The Active Participant's Plan Compensation for a Plan Year.

(e) *(d)* **Beginning January 1, 1986, for the period January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1989,** the contribution rate for any Plan year will be limited to:

(i) 12 percent if the then current Pension Rate is at least nine-tenths of 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary, as computed by the General Board of Pensions.

(ii) 11 percent if the then current Pension Rate is at least eight-tenths of 1 percent but less than nine-tenths of 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary, as computed by the General Board of Pensions.

(iii) Not more than 10 percent if the then current Pension Rate is less than eight-tenths of 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary as computed by the General Board of Pensions.

(f) *(e)* **For the period January 1, 1990, and thereafter the contribution rate for any Plan Year will be limited to 11 percent if the then current Pension Rate is less than nine-tenths of 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary, as computed by the General Board of Pensions.**

Amend MPP subsection 4.2 as follows:

4.2 Source of Contributions. The obligation to make the Church contribution on behalf of an Active Participant shall fall upon, and be restricted to, the applicable unit *of The United Methodist Church* as follows:

(a) The local church if the Active Participant is serving a local church.

(b) The applicable Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or a Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference if the Active Participant is a district superintendent or a conference staff member.

(c) The General Council on Finance and Administration from the Episcopal Fund if the Active Participant is a bishop.

(d) The applicable general board or agency if the Active Participant is serving a board or agency.

(e) The Active Participant's salary paying unit if the Active Participant is other than described in ¶ (a) through (d).

(f) In addition to the above, the following are authorized to make the Church contributions in the following situations:

(i) The applicable Conference or local church(es) if the Active Participant is appointed to sabbatical leave or to attend school as provided in subsection 3.2(b).

(ii) The Comprehensive Protection Plan if the Active Participant is disabled as set forth in subsection 3.2(c).

(iii) The Comprehensive Protection Plan, on behalf of its participants, in an amount equal to 12 percent (or other rate

applicable to the Active Participant's Conference under subsection 4.1(c)) of the difference between the Denominational Average Compensation and the Active Participant's Plan Compensation, if the Active Participant's Plan Compensation is less than the Denominational Average Compensation.

(g) An Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or a Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference may annually elect to have the contributions under the provisions of subsections 4.2(a), (b) and (f) (i) contributed monthly to the Plan through such Conference pursuant to a system of collection determined by the Conference. The amount so required for each Active Participant shall be credited to such Active Participant's account monthly and the Conference charged accordingly.

Amend MPP subsection 4.8 as follows:

4.8 Optional Forms of Benefits. Before the Annuity Starting Date, a Participant may elect in writing, upon such forms as required by the Board, to receive any benefit payable under subsection 4.4 as an actuarially equivalent benefit. In the event that the Participant is married, the spouse must acknowledge such election in writing. The optional benefit forms, with the Participant as the primary annuitant, are:

(a) A life annuity with 100 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(b) A life annuity with 75 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(c) A life annuity with 70 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(c) **(d)** A life annuity with 50 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(d) **(e)** A single-life annuity with 10 years certain.

(e) **(f)** A single-life annuity with five years certain.

(f) **(g)** A single-life, (no refund) annuity.

Amend MPP subsection 5.2 as follows:

5.2 Type of Funds

(b) Special Fund—There shall be a Special Fund which shall be invested in *either:*

(i) Special Fund I investments selected at the discretion of the Board which are primarily fixed income type securities such as bonds and mortgages having a stated rate of return, a stated maturity date and a stated maturity value; or,

(ii) Special Fund II investments selected at the discretion of the Board which are primarily in equity type securities such as common stock; **or,**

(iii) Special Fund III investments selected at the discretion of the Board which are primarily in short term fixed income (money market) type securities such as government securities, certificates of deposits, commercial paper, repurchase agreements or corporate notes, bonds or debentures.

Contributions, on behalf of a Participant, credited to the Special Fund will be allocated to a Special Fund I Account *or*, a Special Fund II Account **or a Special Fund III Account** in units of participation in accordance with the election made under subsection 5.4.

Amend MPP subsection 5.4 as follows:

5.4 Investment Election. A Participant shall have separate elections, with respect to past accumulations and future contributions, of whether to invest 100 percent in the Diversified Fund or 100 percent in the Special Fund. The most recent election shall be effective until changed. If there is no election, the Participant's contributions shall be invested in the Diversified Fund. If the Participant elects the Special Fund, one and only one of the following choices must be selected:

(a) 0 percent Special Fund I, 100 percent Special Fund II
(b) 25 percent Special Fund I, 75 percent Special Fund II
(c) 50 percent Special Fund I, 50 percent Special Fund II
(d) 75 percent Special Fund I, 25 percent Special Fund II
(e) 100 percent Special Fund I, 0 percent Special Fund II

5.4 Investment Election. A participant may elect, on the election form provided by the Board, to invest the Personal Contribution Credits in the Diversified Fund or the Special Fund with any combination of 10 percent increments among the funds so that the total is not greater than or less than 100 percent (e.g.: 70 percent Diversified, 20 percent Special Fund I, 10 percent Special Fund II, 0 percent Special Fund III). Prior to the receipt of an initial election form, a Participant's Personal Contribution Credits shall be invested 100 percent in the Diversified Fund. The most recent election form, on file with the Board, shall be in effect until changed.

Amend MPP subsection 5.5 as follows:

5.5 Frequency of Elections.

(a) A Participant may change a Fund selection or choice within a Fund, with respect to future contributions, as of *November 1* **January 1** of each calendar year. Notification of the change must be received by the General Board by the preceding *September 1* **November 1.**

(b) A Participant may change a Fund selection or choice

within a Fund, with respect to past accumulations by having transferred as of November 1:

(i) Monies in the Diversifed Fund to Units of Participation in the Special Fund; or

(ii) Units of Participation to another choice within the Special Fund; or

(iii) Units of Participation from the Special Fund to monies in the Diversified Fund. Notification of the change must be received by the General Board by the preceding September 1.

(c) **(b)** Any change of Fund selection shall be made and the amount to be transferred from one Fund to another shall be determined on the basis of the values prevailing on the *October 31* **December 31** valuation date.

Amend MPP subsection 5.7 by adding a new subsection 5.7(c) as follows:

(c) Whenever a Personal Contributions Benefit is received by the Participant in accordance with 5.7(a) or 5.7(b), future personal contributions to the Plan by the Participant will be prohibited.

Amend MPP subsection 5.9 as follows:

5.9 Annuity Options.

(a) On the Personal Contributions Annuity Starting Date, a Participant's Personal Contribution Credits may be converted to an annuity or annuity units in accordance with the Participant's irrevocable election made prior to such date. The Participant shall have the right to receive all or a portion of such Credits as a lump-sum benefit. The receipt of any balance remaining shall be by election of one and only one of the following actuarially equivalent benefit forms with the Participant as the primary annuitant:

(1) *(a)* A life annuity with 100 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(2) *(b)* A life annuity with 75 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(3) *(c)* A life annuity with 70 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(4) *(d)* A life annuity with 50 percent to the surviving contingent annuitant.

(5) *(e)* A single-life annuity with 10 years certain.

(6) *(f)* A single-life annuity with five years certain.

(g) A single-life, full cash refund annuity.

(7) *(h)* A single-life, (no refund) annuity.

(8) *(i)* A five-year annual annuity certain.

The Annuity Starting Date shall be the first day of the month selected by the Participant.

(b) In accordance with subsection 5.8, upon the death of the Participant, such Participant's Beneficiary shall elect to convert the deceased Participant's Personal Contribution Credits to an annuity; provided, however, that if the Beneficiary is an individual(s), such person shall have the right to receive all or a portion of such Credits as a lump-sum benefit. The receipt of any balance remaining shall be by election of one and only one of the following actuarially equivalent benefit forms with the Beneficiary as the primary annuitant:

(1) Single-life annuity with 10 years certain.

(2) Single-life annuity with five years certain.

(3) Single-life, full cash refund annuity.

(3) *(4)* Single-life, (no refund) annuity.

(4) *(5)* Five-year annual annuity certain.

The Annuity Starting Date shall be the first day of the month selected by the beneficiary.

Amend MPP subsection 5.10 as follows:

5.10 Options for Conversion to an Annuity.

(a) On the Personal Contributions Annuity Starting Date, a Participant's Personal Contribution credits in a Diversified Fund, **or a Special Fund,** which the Participant elects to receive as an annuity under subsection 5.9, shall be converted into an annuity, *supported by investments of the type similar to those held in the Diversified Fund* **in the Defined Contribution Annuity Reserve.**

(b) On the Personal Contributions Annuity Starting Date, a Participant's Personal Contribution Credits in a Special Fund I Account which the Participant elects to receive as an annuity under subsection 5.9 shall be converted into an annuity supported by investments of the type similar to those held in the Special Fund I Account; provided, however, at the option of the Participant all or any such Units of Participation may be converted into an annuity of the type provided in subsection 5.10 (a).

(c) On the Personal Contributions Annuity Starting Date, a Participant's Personal Contribution Credits in a Special Fund II Account which the Participant elects to receive as an annuity under subsection 5.9 shall be converted into an annuity supported by investments of the type similar to those held in the Special Fund II Account; provided, however, at the option of the Participant all or any such Personal Contribution Credits may

be converted into an annuity of the type provided in subsection 5.10 (a) or (b).

(d) **(b)** The Participant shall notify the General Board in writing on such forms as it shall require concerning the conversion options above within 90 days before the Personal Contributions Annuity Starting Date. No annuity benefit payments shall be payable until the Participant so notifies the General Board. Failure to make any such notification within 90 days following the Participant's 70th birthday anniversary will result in the conversion of the Personal Contribution Credits to an annuity, *supported by investments of the type similar to those held in the Fund in which such credits are held,* **in the Defined Contribution Annuity Reserve,** and in the same form and rate of increase of annuity as in effect under subsections 4.4 or 4.8.

Amend MPP subsection 5.12 as follows:

5.12 Withdrawal Options.

(a) Upon an Active Participant's ceasing to be an Active Participant for any reason other than a leave of absence, retirement, or death, the Vested Former Participant may make an irrevocable election in writing on such forms as required by the Board to receive in a lump-sum payment the equivalent dollar amount of the Personal Contribution Credits. The absence of such election within a six-month period following the date the Vested Former Participant ceases to be an Active Participant shall be deemed to be an irrevocable election to forego such lump-sum payment in favor of the right to be eligible for a benefit in accordance with subsection 5.7 or 5.8. An election to leave such dollar value in the Plan carries with it the right to make investment elections in accordance with subsections 5.4 and 5.5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the General Board shall retain the right to refund to the Participant the equivalent dollar value of the Personal Contribution Credits at the time a Vested Former Participant ceases to be an Active Participant if such dollar value is less than one-fourth of the Denominational Average Compensation as of that time.

(b) The provisions of subsection 5.12(a) shall apply whenever an Active Participant is granted a disability leave by an Annual Conference, Provisional Annual Conference or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference, or such Participant is receiving a disability benefit from the Comprehensive Protection Plan. In the event such Participant elects to receive a partial lump-sum payment of the Personal Contribution Credits, only one such payment per Conference year is permitted. Personal Contributions Accumulations as

described in subsection (d)(4) of Supplement One to the Plan and which are required by a conference to apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit (see subsection (d)(2) of Supplement One of the Plan) are not subject to a lump-sum payment at the time disability leave or disability benefits are granted.

Amend MPP subsection 7.2 as follows:

7.2 Limitation. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, for any Plan Year the Annual Account Addition with respect to a Participant shall not exceed the lesser of:

(a) *$32,700* **$30,000** or such higher annual amount as may be determined under regulations issued by the Secretary of the Treasury designed to reflect increases in the cost of living, or

Amend MPP Supplement One, Subsection d (3) as follows:

(3) "Pension Rate" means the sum payable for each year of Approved Service, as determined by the Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference, and set forth in the applicable Addendum. If a different Pension Rate applies to Approved Service as a local pastor than applies to Approved Service as a minister, the applicable Addendum shall so indicate. In no event, however, shall the Pension Rate for local pastors be less than 75 percent of the Pension Rate for ministers in any Conference. **The recommended pension rate is 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary.**

Amend MPP Supplement One subsection (e)(1) as follows:

(e) Past Service Benefits: A member of this Participating Group No. 1 shall, in addition to any benefits based on service after January 1, 1982, be entitled to benefits based on service prior to January 1, 1982, in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Retirement Benefits: All persons who as of December 31, 1981, were receiving pension benefits from the Prior Plans shall thereafter continue to receive such pension benefits in the same form and amount from this Plan. Upon retirement at or after age 62 years or upon retirement at or after the completion of 37 appointment years, and upon application, a Participant shall receive a monthly retirement benefit, payable in the same form as provided in subsection 4.4 of the Plan, equal to the sum of such Participant's Service Annuity and, if any, the Personal Contributions Annuity. **The first payment of the monthly retirement benefit shall be due as of the first day of the month following**

the month in which retirement occurs or application for the pension is made, whichever is later; notwithstanding this provision, an annual conference may designate the date of first payment to be the first day of the month in which the retirement takes place.

If the Participant's Service Annuity, on an annual basis, is less than the Participant's Formula Benefit and if the applicable conference does not stipulate the Personal Contributions Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit, a past service supplement shall be added so that the sum of the Service Annuity and the past service supplement is equal, on an annual basis, to the Participant's Formula Benefit.

If the applicable conference stipulates that the Personal Contributions Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit then the Personal Contributions Annuity shall be determined actuarially such that it shall increase annually in accordance with the percentage increase, if any, elected by the applicable conference and set forth in the Addendum. If the Participant's Service Annuity plus the Participant's Personal Contributions Annuity, on an annual basis, is less than the Participant's Formula Benefit, a past service supplement shall be added so that the sum of the Service Annuity, the Personal Contributions Annuity and the past service supplement is equal, on an annual basis, to the Participant's Formula Benefit.

If the applicable conference stipulates that the Personal Contributions Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit, the Participant's Personal Contributions Accumulation shall be invested in the Diversified Fund described in subsection 5.2(a) of the Plan.

If the applicable conference does not stipulate that the Personal Contributions Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit, the Participant's Personal Contributions Accumulation shall be included in the Participant's Personal Contribution Credits and distributed in accordance with subsection 5.7 and 5.12 of the Plan.

Amend MPP Supplement One subsection(e)(5) as follows:

(5) Surviving Spouse Benefits: All surviving spouses who as of December 31, 1981, were receiving surviving spouse benefits from the Prior Plans shall thereafter continue to receive such benefits from this Plan, except such benefits that were formerly being paid from the Disability and Survivor Benefit Fund which shall be continued under the Comprehensive Protection Plan.

Upon the death of a Participant on or after January 1, 1982, and

prior to retirement, the surviving spouse shall receive a monthly benefit equal to the sum of such Participant's Service Annuity and Personal Contributions Annuity. If the Service Annuity, on an annual basis, is less than 70 percent (75 percent if elected by the applicable conference and so set forth in the Addendum) of the Participant's Formula Benefit and if the applicable conference does not stipulate that the Personal Contributions Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit, a past service supplement shall be added so that the sum of the Service Annuity and the past service supplement is equal, on an annual basis, to 70 percent (75 percent if elected by the applicable conference and so set forth in the Addendum) of the Participant's Formula Benefit.

Upon the death of an Active or Retired Participant subsequent to December 31, 1981, the Surviving Spouse Benefit shall be based on all of the participant's years of Approved Service provided their marriage took place prior to the cessation of service rendered by the participant while under appointment in the effective relation or as a local pastor.

If the applicable conference stipulates that the Personal Contributions Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit, then the Personal Contributions Annuity shall be determined actuarially such that it shall increase annually in accordance with the percentage increase, if any, elected by the applicable conference and set forth in the Addendum. If the Participant's Service Annuity plus the Participant's Personal Contributions Annuity, on an annual basis, is less than 70 percent (75 percent if elected by the applicable conference) of the Participant's Formula Benefit, a past service supplement shall be added so that the sum of the Service Annuity, the Personal Contributions Annuity and the past service supplement is equal, on an annual basis, to 70 percent (75 percent if elected by the applicable conference) of the Participant's Formula Benefit.

If the applicable conference stipulates that the Personal Contributions Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit, the Participant's Personal Contributions Accumulation shall be invested in the Diversified Fund as described in subsection 5.2(a) of the Plan.

If the applicable conference does not stipulate that the Personal Contribution Annuity shall apply toward the payment of the Participant's Formula Benefit, the surviving spouse may elect to receive in one payment all or any part of the Participant's

Personal Contributions Accumulation. Upon written request, such surviving spouse may receive all or part of such Accumulation at any time within a period of one year following the date of death if such written request is received within 90 days after the date of death. If a partial lump sum benefit is elected, the remaining Accumulation will be payable as a Personal Contribution Annuity.

Amend MPP Supplement One subsection (g) as follows:

(g) Liens on Pensions: A lien on a pension shall mean the right of a conference to hold, retain, or appropriate the pension or any part thereof of a Retired Participant or Beneficiary due to unpaid apportionments or required contributions for the pension and benefit programs maintained by the conference board of pensions for the conference.

Whenever a ministerial member or local pastor is in debt to a conference or any of its organizations, due to unpaid apportionments or required contributions for the pension and benefit programs administered by the conference board of pensions for the conference, the debt shall constitute a lien on the pension related to service in that conference, and the conference board of pensions shall have the power to appropriate and apply such pension or any part thereof, to the payment of such debt; provided, however, that not more than one-tenth of the pension payable by the conference in which the debt was incurred shall be appropriated in any year for such purpose; and provided, furthermore, that such power shall not be interpreted as applying to the settlement of other debts of a ministerial member or local pastor.

Deductions from a Participant's MPP Church Account or the CPP Protection Benefit Fund to satisfy any unpaid apportionment of a local church charge are prohibited.

COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION PLAN

Amend CPP subsection 2.1 (d) as follows:

2.1 (d) "Contribution Base" means the Active Participant's Plan Compensation for a Plan Year not to exceed the Denominational Average Compensation, *unless an election is otherwise made under subsection 4.1 (c).*

Amend CPP Section 2.1 (g) as follows:

2.1 (g) "Plan Compensation" means for an Active Participant the sum of the following:

(1) The cash salary received from Church-related sources.

(2) Effective commencing January 1, 1986, the amount designated as utility allowance, or where the church pays the utilities directly, the amount paid, but not to exceed 10 percent of the sum of the cash salary plus any tax-deferred annuity contributions in (4) below.

(2) *(3)* Housing allowance; or when a parsonage is provided, 20 percent (25 percent effective on and after January 1, 1990) of the sum of the cash salary plus any tax-deferred annuity contributions in *(4)* (3) below as the approximate value of that parsonage.

(3) *(4)* Any tax-deferred annuity contribution paid by the salary-paying unit during the year under another tax-deferred annuity program.

Amend CPP subsection 3.1(a) as follows:

3.1 General Rule.

(a) **Effective January 1, 1985,** a person shall be an Active Participant in this Plan *on January 1, 1982,* if on such date the person is eligible to participate in a "church plan" as defined in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time and is:

(i) A bishop of The United Methodist Church elected by a Jurisdictional Conference;

(ii) A ministerial member of an Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or a Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference; **(except a member appointed to less than full-time service)** or

(iii) A **full-time** local pastor of The United Methodist Church under an episcopal appointment to a charge; *provided that such person in (ii) or (iii) is determined by the Conference Board of Pensions in consultation with the General Board to be receiving from Church sources at least the equivalent of the equitable salary level applicable for such a person in his or her Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference, the church contributions required under this Plan on such person's behalf are not delinquent under subsection 4.4 hereof, and such person has satisfied the equivalent of a certificate of good health, or other tests as provided for in ¶ 414.4 of the 1976 Book of Discipline.*

provided that such a person in (ii) or (iii) is receiving a Plan Compensation at least equivalent to 60 percent of the applicable Conference Average Salary (Annual, Provisional, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdiction), or 60 percent of the Denominational Average Compensation, whichever is less. Provided further that the Church Contributions required under this plan on such person's behalf are not delinquent

under subsection 4.4 hereof, and such person has satisfied the equivalent of either a certificate of good health or other tests as provided for in ¶ 414.4 of the 1980 Book of Discipline.

Amend CPP Subsection 3.2(b) as follows:

3.2 Special Rules.

(b) A person who is an Active Participant and is appointed to a sabbatical leave, **educational leave, maternity/paternity leave,** or to attend school after having served under appointment as a minister in full connection or an associate member in an Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference other than under appointment to attend school, may continue to participate provided such Conference or local church(es) makes the required Church contributions based on the Denominational Average Compensation.

Amend CPP subsection 3.2(h) as follows:

(h) A person described in subsection 3.1(a)(ii) **(including one who is granted a leave of absence)** or **3.1(a)(iii)** who is otherwise eligible to be an Active Participant under subsection 3.1(a), *except for not receiving at least the equivalent of the applicable equitable salary level,* **except for receiving less than the equivalent of the applicable Plan Compensation or is appointed less than full time,** may in special situations participate in the Plan under special arrangements with the General Board regarding contributions and benefits. **Such special arrangements shall include all Comprehensive Protection Plan benefit coverages except the Ministerial Pension Plan church account pension supplement as provided in Comprehensive Protection Plan sub-section 5.5.**

Amend CPP Section 3.3 Beneficiary Designation as follows:

Each Active Participant or Retired Participant may designate, upon such forms as shall be provided for that purpose by the General Board, a beneficiary or beneficiaries who are to receive the Active Participant's or Retired Participant's interest in the Plan in the event of the Active Participant's or Retired Participant's death, but the designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not be effective for any purpose unless and until it has been filed by the Active Participant or Retired Participant with the General Board during the Active Participant's or Retired Participant's lifetime on a form provided by the General Board. An Active Participant or Retired Participant may, from time to time, on a form provided by and filed with the

General Board during the Active Participant's or Retired Participant's lifetime, change the beneficiary or beneficiaries. In the event that an Active Participant or Retired Participant shall not designate a beneficiary in the manner heretofore stated, or if for any reason such designation shall be legally ineffective, or if such beneficiary predeceases the Active Participant or Retired Participant, then the Beneficiary shall be deemed to be one of the following in the order of precedence as indicated:

(1) The surviving spouse of a deceased Active Participant or Retired Participant.

(2) The surviving natural or legally adopted child or children of a deceased Active Participant or Retired Participant in equal shares if more than one. The share of each such child who is under age 18 years or otherwise legally incompetent shall be paid to the guardian of such child.

(3) The estate of the deceased Active Participant or Retired Participant.

(3) Any person paying the funeral expenses of the decedent, to the extent that such payment shall not exceed the actual expenses incurred, the excess, if any, to be paid as in subsection (4) below.

(4) The estate of the deceased Active Participant or Retired Participant.

Amend CPP subsection 4.1(a) as follows:

4.1 (a) **Effective January 1, 1982,** the annual church contribution on behalf of an Active Participant shall be equal to 4.4 percent of such Active Participant's Contribution Base.

(b) One-twelfth of the annual Church contribution shall be payable to the Plan each month.

(c) An Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference (or such other applicable unit as set forth in subsection 4.2(c), (d), or (f) may annually elect that the Contribution Base shall be either:

(i) The Active Participant's Plan Compensation for a Plan Year not to exceed 150 percent of the Denominational Average Compensation, in which case the percentage in subsection 4.1(a) shall be 4.2 percent; or (ii) The Active Participant's Plan Compensation for a Plan Year, in which case the percentage in subsection 4.1(a) shall be 4.1 percent.

Amend CPP subsection 4.2 as follows:

4.2 Source of Contributions. Except as provided in (g) below, the obligation for making the Church contribution on behalf of an Active Participant shall fall upon, and be restricted to, the

applicable unit *of The United Methodist Church* as follows:

(a) The local church if the Active Participant is serving a local church.

(b) The applicable Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference if the Active Participant is a district superintendent or a conference staff member.

(c) The General Council on Finance and Administration from the Episcopal Fund if the Active Participant is a bishop.

(d) The applicable general board or agency if the Active Participant is on the payroll of a board or agency.

(e) The applicable Conference or local church if the Active Participant is appointed to sabbatical leave or to attend school as provided in subsection 3.2(b).

(f) The Active Participant's salary paying unit if the Active Participant is other than described in paragraphs (a) through (e).

(g) The applicable Conference in the case of Active Participants in (a) and (b) above or the applicable unit in the case of Active Participants in (c), (d), (e), or (f) above may annually elect to require each Active Participant in that Conference or unit to contribute an amount up to 1 percent of such Active Participant's Contribution Base (such contribution shall be considered as a part of the required Church contribution under subsection 4.1(a)).

(h) An Annual Conference, Provisional Conference, or Missionary Conference of a Jurisdictional Conference may annually elect to have the contributions under the provisions of subsections 4.2(a), (b) and (e) contributed monthly to the Plan through such Conference pursuant to a system of collection determined by the Conference. The amount so required for each Active Participant shall be credited to the Plan monthly and the Conference charged accordingly.

Amend CPP subsection 4.4 as follows:

4.4 Delinquent Contributions.

(a) In the event the Church contributions required in this Section 4 on behalf of any person are more than 180 days in arrears, the participation of and the benefits related to any such person under this Plan shall be suspended until arrangements have been made for the resumption of contributions satisfactory to the General Board.

If the death of a Plan Participant occurs within the first 180 days of participation and the salary paying unit has failed to make any Church contributions on behalf of such Participant, all Plan benefits will be withheld until the required contributions are paid.

(b) When the participation of and the benefits related to any person under this Plan have been suspended due to an arrearage of more than 180 days, the suspension shall remain in effect until Church contributions for six months at the current rate and for the current month have been paid, and evidence of good health has been established by the Participant.

Amend CPP 5.3 Death Benefits as follows:

5.3 Death Benefits

(e) The benefit shall be paid to the Beneficiary of the Active Participant under this Plan in 12 equal monthly installments; **and** a benefit payable due to the death of a retired Participant shall be paid in a single-sum for the full amount of the benefit, **both as provided in subsection (h) below.**

(f) Upon the death of the spouse of an Active Participant or a Retired Participant eligible for death benefit coverage hereunder, a single-sum spouse death benefit equal to 15 percent of the Denominational Average Compensation shall be paid to the Active Participant or Retired Participant.

(g) Upon the death of a Surviving Spouse of a deceased Active Participant or Retired Participant, a surviving spouse who is receiving a pension benefit from a conference on December 31, 1981, or a surviving spouse of a bishop elected by a Jurisdictional Conference, a single-sum Surviving Spouse death benefit equal to 10 percent of the Denominational Average Compensation shall be paid *to one of the following in the order of precedence as indicated,* **as provided in subsection (h) below.**

(i) The designated beneficiary, if any survives.

(ii) The contingent beneficiary, if any survives.

(iii) The decedent's estate.

(h) Any benefit specified in subsections (e) and (g) above shall be paid to one of the following in the order of precedence indicated:

(i) The designated beneficiary(ies), if any survives;

(ii) The contingent beneficiary(ies), if any survives;

(iii) As provided in section 3.3.

(h) **(i)** Upon the death of a **"Child"** *natural or legally adopted child, who is at least 14 days of age and under age 18 years,* of an Active Participant or a Retired Participant eligible for death benefit coverage hereunder **and upon the receipt of a death certificate** a single-sum death benefit of $1,000 shall be paid to the Active Participant or Retired Participant.

"Child" shall mean a natural or legally adopted child who is either:

(i) Under age 19, or

(ii) Under age 24, unmarried, dependent upon the Participant, or

(iii) Dependent upon the Participant due to a mental or physical disability that existed prior to age 19.

Amend CPP Subsection 5.4 (a) as follows:

5.4 Disability Benefits.

(a) Eligibility. In the event an Active Participant, who has been an Active Participant for at least one year, becomes disabled as defined in paragraph (b) below, such Active Participant shall be entitled to a disability benefit under this subsection 5.4.

(a) Eligibility. An Active Participant, who becomes disabled, as defined in paragraph (b) below, shall be entitled to a disability benfit under this subsection 5.4 under the following conditions:

(1) If the disability results from sickness, the Active Participant must have been an Active Participant for at least 180 days before the disability occurred;

(2) If the disability results from sickness, no disability benefits will be paid for the period of time encompassed by the first 30 days following the occurrence of the disability;

(3) If the disability results from an accident, disability benefits shall be payable from the date of the disability (without regard to the passage of 180 days as provided in subsection (1) above).

(4) No disability benefits shall be payable for any disability which results from a condition of health or sickness which existed as of the date the Active Participant became an Active Participant.

(5) No disability benefits shall be payable for any period of time when the Active Participant is still receiving a salary from his or her salary-paying unit.

(6) Even if the Active Participant is otherwise eligible to receive disability benefits, no disability benefit shall be approved, on a retroactive basis, for any period of time in excess of 365 days from the date the payment of disability benefits is approved.

(7) The subsection 5.4(a) above becomes effective at the close of the 1984 General Conference.

Amend CPP subsection 5.4 (d) (iv) as follows:

5.4 (d) (iv) *An earnings test may be used by the General Board to reduce or terminate disability benefits when the earnings of a*

disabled Active Participant exceed two-thirds of the Denominational Average Compensation.

The amount of the disability benefit payable under this subsection 5.4 shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar ratio when the gross income of the Active Participant, as reflected by tax returns filed by the Active Participant with the Internal Revenue Service of the United States, from the sources specified below, exceeds the smaller of (a) the Plan Compensation of the Active Participant at the time the disability occurred, adjusted annually by the percentage change in the Denominational Average Compensation, or (b) three-fourths of the Denominational Average Compensation in effect during the period for which disability benefits are approved. The sources of gross income to be considered in making this calculation are those resulting from earned income of the Plan Participant or payments received by the Plan Participant which, by their nature, are designed to be a substitute for earned income for the Plan Participant, and are limited to (1) compensation for services, including fees, commissions, and similar items, and gross income derived from a business, as provided in Section 61(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; (2) compensation payments received from Worker's Compensation Insurance in respect of lost earnings; (3) payments received from any branch of the United States Armed Forces or any other agency of the United States Government, excluding Social Security, or from any State of the United States, in respect to disability, and (4) disability benefits payable under the Comprehensive Protection Plan of The United Methodist Church. To enable the Board to make this calculation, the Active Participant shall supply, on an Earnings Test Form furnished by the Board, all relevant financial data requested, and any Active Participant who fails, without good cause, to furnish said information as requested by the Board may have his or her disability benefit payments suspended until he or she has supplied the required data. The payment of rehabilitation benefits, under subsection (e) below, may, at the discretion of the Board, be in lieu of or in addition to disability benefits as provided in subsection 5.4 and the payment of rehabilitation benefits will not cause a reduction of disability benefits with respect to the limits imposed under this subsection.

Amend CPP subsection 5.5 as follows:

5.5 Pension Supplement. In the event an Active Participant in this Plan is an Active Participant in the Ministerial Pension Plan

and the Church contribution to such Active Participant's Church Account is based upon a Contribution Base less than the Denominational Average Compensation, an allocation shall be made from this Plan to such Active Participant's Church Account in the Ministerial Pension Plan sufficient to make the total allocation to such account equivalent to the church contribution such Active Participant would have received under Section 4.2 of the Ministerial Pension Plan had the Active Participant's Contribution Base been the Denominational Average Compensation. Any such allocation will be suspended if:

(a) The Church Contributions *to the Ministerial Pension Plan or* to this Plan are more than 180 days in arrears.

(b) The Active Participant becomes a Retired Participant or a Vested Former Participant in the Ministerial Pension Plan.

(c) The Active Participant is disabled as set forth in Section 5.4.

(d) The Active Participant is appointed to a sabbatical leave or to attend school as set forth in subsection 3.2(b).

If the Church contribution to the Active Participant's Church Account is based on less than a full month of Plan participation, then the amount of the allocation from this Plan shall be prorated based upon the number of days of Participation during the month covered by such Church contribution.

Amend CPP subsection 10.4 as follows:

10.4 Surviving Spouse Benefits. All surviving spouses who as of December 31, 1981, were receiving surviving spouse benefits from the Prior Plan shall thereafter continue to receive such benefits from this Plan.

All surviving spouses who as of December 31, 1981, were receiving surviving spouse benefits from the Prior Plan shall be entitled to a minimum single-life annuity in an annual amount equal to (a) less (b), where,

(a) is 20 percent of the Denominational Average Compensation in effect on January 1, 1982, and

(b) is the annuity benefits (calculated on a single-life basis, regardless of the annuity form actually paid) otherwise payable from this Plan and from all other Church-related sources, except Social Security benefits.

(c) the amount determined above shall be increased by 2 percent on July 1 of each year, provided the benefit was in effect on the previous December 31st.

(d) A surviving spouse who had remarried prior to December 31, 1981, and who was not receiving a surviving spouse benefit on that date will be eligible for benefits in (a), (b), or (c) above at the time of the dissolution of the marriage or upon

attainment of age 65 years. Upon the death of such surviving spouse a surviving spouse death benefit shall be payable in accordance with subsection 5.3g, provided, however, that the surviving spouse was receiving a surviving spouse monthly benefit at the time of death.

Report No. 7

Petitions: FA1269, FA1270, FA1271

Subject: Cumulative Pension Benefit Fund, Tax Deferred Annuity Program, Staff Pension Plan

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 88; Present 81; For 78; Against 3; Not Voting 1.

(Note: Vote is printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)

Calendar No. 151, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 456.

The committee recommends adoption of the plan documents from the General Board of Pensions, "Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund," "Tax Deferred Annuity Contributions Program," and "Staff Pension Plan" (see Pages 698-754).

Report No. 8

Petitions: FA1006

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Council on Finance and Administration

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 88; Present 77; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 152, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 501.

The committee recommends adoption of amendments to ¶¶ 709.9-709.15 as follows:

Amend ¶ 709.9 by deleting parentheses which enclose the paragraph cross-reference and by inserting the words **subject to.** Add a new ¶ 709.14. Subparagraphs 709.1-.8 and .10-.13 would remain unchanged.

9. To have authority and supervision over the treasurer/director of administrative services, **subject to** (¶¶ 715-716); to establish policies governing the treasurer/director's work.

14. To make recommendations to the Annual Conference for its action and determination regarding plans to initiate or cause to be organized a foundation or similar organization for the purpose of securing, conserving, or expending funds for the direct or indirect benefit or support of the Annual Conference or of any conference agency or any of its programs or work. The council shall have opportunity to make its recommendations regarding such plans if the foundation or similar organization is: (1) proposed to be organized by the

Annual Conference itself, whether acting alone or in concert with other annual conferences; (2) proposed to be organized by any conference council, board, commission, committee, or other agency; (3) to make use of the name "United Methodist" in its title or solicitation; or (4) proposed for the purpose of soliciting gifts primarily from the United Methodist constituency.

Renumber present ¶ 709.14 as 709.15.

Report No. 9

Petitions: FA1001

Subject: Conference Council on Finance and Administration

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 88; Present 76; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 153, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 501.

The committee recommends adoption of ¶ 708.2a), 2b), and 6a) as follows:

Amend ¶ 708.2a by inserting the words **or Jurisdictional Conference** in the first sentence. Remaining portions of ¶ 708.2a would be unchanged.

a) Each Annual Conference shall elect, at its session next succeeding the General Conference **or Jurisdictional Conference,** a conference Council on Finance and Administration, composed of not more than twenty-one members; in every case there shall be at least one lay person more than ministerial included on the council.

Amend ¶ 708.2b by amending subsection (2) as shown below and by adding the presiding bishop as an ex officio member of the conference Council on Finance and Administration.

b) The following shall be ex officio members of the council in addition to the number set by the Annual Conference under ¶ 708.2a: (1) the conference treasurer/director of administrative services, without vote; (2) any members of the General Council on Finance and Administration who reside within the bounds of the conference, with vote, unless voting membership is in conflict with another provision of the Book of Discipline, in which case their membership shall be without vote; **in either case, they shall not be eligible to serve on an agency receiving funding;** (3) **the presiding bishop, without vote;** (4) a district superintendent chosen by the Cabinet, without vote; and (5) the director of the conference Council on Ministries or another representative of that council, without vote.

Amend ¶ 708.6a as follows:

a) The council and the Annual Conference Council on Ministries

shall cooperate in the development of **the** conference benevolences budget *recommendations for conference program agencies* (¶ 710.3).

This action is to go into effect immediately upon adjournment of General Conference.

Report No. 10

Petitions: FA1012
Subject: Ministerial Support Budgets
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 88; Present 79; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 154, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 501.
The committee recommends adoption of amendments to ¶ 710.1a) as follows:

1. Ministerial Support Budgets.—a) It shall be the duty of the council, unless otherwise provided, to estimate the total amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the district superintendents of the conference, including salary *and suitable provision for dwelling*, **travel, staff, office and housing.** *to the Annual Conference, for its action and determination, the amount to be set for the salary and for each of the other allowances specified above, for each of the several district superintendents.* **The council shall report specific recommendations to the Annual Conference for conference action (¶ 521.2; 740.4).**

Report No. 11

Petitions: FA1016
Subject: Other Apportioned Causes
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 88; Present 82; For 77; Against 5; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 155, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 501.
The committee recommends adoption of ¶ 710.4 revised as follows:

In first sentence, insert after ". . . budget recommendations," **specific amounts recommended for all other funds,** and delete the next three words after the insertion, *all other amounts.*

Report No. 12

Petitions: FA1117
Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Fiscal Responsibilities
Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 373, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.*

The committee recommends adoption of amendments to ¶ 906-906.12 as follows:

Amend the introductory section of ¶ 906 by the addition of a new first sentence and by subsequent editorial changes, as shown below.

¶ 906. Fiscal Responsibilities.—**All monies contributed by a local church to the World Service Fund, including World Service special gifts and Advance special gifts, the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, the Ministerial Education Fund, the Black College Fund, the Missional Priority Fund, the Temporary General Aid Fund, the World Communion Fund, the Human Relations Day Fund, the United Methodist Student Day Fund, the One Great Hour of Sharing Fund, the Youth Service Fund, and such other funds as may have been authorized by the General Conference shall be held in trust by the council and distributed only in support of the ministries of the respective funds.** The council shall be accountable to The United Methodist Church through the General Conference in all matters relating to the receiving, disbursing, and reporting of *general church* **such** funds, and agencies receiving *general church* **such** funds shall be fiscally accountable to the council. In the exercise of its fiscal accountability role the council shall have the authority and responsibility to perform the following functions: (¶ 906.1ff. would follow.)

The introductory section of ¶ 906.1 and ¶ 906.1a) would remain unchanged. Amend ¶ 906.1b) (1) so that its wording is identical with ¶ 1006.2a). The introductory portion of ¶ 906.1b) would remain unchanged from the 1980 Book of Discipline.

(1) The General Council on Ministries shall, in consultation with the General Council on Finance and Administration and the general program agencies, develop recommendations *regarding the program and missional priorities of the Church and shall recommend* to the General Council on Finance and Administration **on needs of the general program agencies for the programs, missional priorities, and special programs,** *programs which will contribute to the implementation of those priorities.*

(2) ¶ 906.1b (2) would remain unchanged from the 1980 Book of Discipline.)

Amend ¶ 906.1b) (3) as follows:

(3) The General Council on Ministries, *taking into consideration* **after reviewing both** program priorities and the total funds available to the general program agencies, shall recommend to the General Council on Finance and Administration the amount of the annual World Service allocation to each of those agencies, within the total sum proposed by the General Council on Finance and Administration for distribution among such agencies.

¶ 906.1b) (4), (5), and (6) would remain unchanged from the 1980 *Book of Discipline*. ¶ 906.1c) would remain unchanged.

Amend ¶ 906.1d) by additions as indicated below, to clarify how the amount of funding for the General Council on Finance and Administration from the General Administration Fund is set.

d) The expenses of the council, including the cost of all its operations, shall be a first claim against all general funds received and disbursed by the council. The charges against the several funds or beneficiary agencies, **except for the charge against the General Administration Fund,** shall be in proportion to the funds' receipts. **On recommendation of the council, the General Conference shall determine the amount of the council's expenses to be charged to the General Administration Fund.**

¶ 906.2 would remain unchanged.

Amend the first sentence of ¶ 906.3 by adding a provision which would allow services to be performed for administrative general agencies by mutual agreement between the agency and the Council. The remainder of the paragraph would be unchanged.

3. To perform the accounting and reporting functions for the General Council on Ministries, *and* the agencies accountable to it (¶ 803.5), **and any administrative general agencies (¶ 803.6) which request the service and with which a plan of operation mutually agreeable to the agency and the council is established.**

¶ 906.4 would remain unchanged. Amend ¶ 906.5 by deleting references to "purchasing" and by deleting the last sentence:

5. To establish policy governing the functions of banking, payroll, *purchasing*, accounting, and budget control for all agencies receiving general church funds. The council may, upon mutual consent of the agencies involved, perform the functions of banking, check preparation, **and** payroll, *and purchasing* on behalf of an agency in order to maximize efficiency of operation. *All boards and agencies shall observe the uniform fiscal year (¶ 818).*

Amend the first sentence of ¶ 906.6 to change the frequency of the review of agencies' investment performance.

6. To develop investment policies for, suggest investment counselors for, and review, **at the council's discretion but** on at least **an annual** *a quarterly* basis, the performance of all invested funds of all agencies receiving general church funds. The council shall have complete authority to manage any portfolio of less than $1,500,000. The council is encouraged to invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or funds which make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals outlined in the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church (¶¶ 70-76).

¶ 906.7 would remain unchanged. Amend ¶ 906.8 by deleting the phrase "and formulate policies" and by a substitution for "The United Methodist Church":

8. To establish standardized gift annuity rates *and formulate policies* for the writing of annuities by institutions and agencies operating under the auspices of **the denomination.** *The United Methodist Church.*

¶ 906.9-.11 would remain unchanged. Delete all of ¶ 906.12:

12. The council shall recommend to each conference Council on Finance and Administration a uniform procedure for presenting its reports to the Annual Conference and shall prepare a form for the guidance of the conference treasurer in making his or her annual statement in the conference journal.

Report No. 13

Petitions: FA1306, FA1308, FA1309, FA1327

Subject: Investment of Pension Funds in United Methodist Development Fund

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 74; For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 374, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 331.

The committee voted nonconcurrence with the petitions.

Report No. 14

Petitions: FA1179

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Treasurer's Report

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 375, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends adoption of ¶ 909 revision; amend the second sentence of ¶ 909 as follows:

The treasurer shall also make to each quadrennial session of the General Conference a full report of the financial transactions of the council for the **previous four fiscal years** *preceding quadrennium.*

Report No. 15

Petitions: FA1034

Subject: Definition of General Funds

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 376, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends addition of the following new paragraph immediately following the section heading "General Funds," and preceding present ¶ 910.

¶ 9____. Definition of "General Funds."—The terms "general fund(s)" and "general church fund(s)," wherever they appear in the Book of Discipline, refer to: the World Service Fund, including World Service special gifts and Advance special gifts; the General Administration Fund; the Episcopal Fund; the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund; the Ministerial Education Fund; the Black College Fund; the Missional Priority Fund; the Temporary General Aid Fund; the World Communion Fund; the Human Relations Day Fund; the United Methodist Student Day Fund; the One Great Hour of Sharing Fund; the Youth Service Fund; and such other funds as may have been established by the General Conference and have been specifically authorized by the General Conference to be raised on a church-wide basis. They are restricted assets and are not funds of local churches, annual or jurisdictional conferences, or other units of the denomination. Such general funds are to be disbursed for the purpose or purposes set forth in ¶¶ 911-930 and budgets or similar directives adopted for the respective funds by the General Conference. The General Council on Finance and Administration, in the fulfillment of its fiscal responsibilities pursuant to ¶ 906, shall only have authority to disburse monies contributed to any of these funds in a manner specifically authorized by the Book of Discipline or for a purpose set forth in the budget or directives adopted by the preceding General Conference for that particular fund.

Report No. 16

Petitions: FA1181

Subject: Authorization of Churchwide Appeal
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 377, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.
The committee recommends adoption of ¶ 910.4, .6, and .7 with related editorial revision:
Add two new sentences prior to the last sentence of present ¶ 910.4, and add new ¶¶ 910.6-.7. (It is being recommended elsewhere that present ¶ 916.2 be amended and renumbered as a new ¶ 910.5.) ¶ 910.1-.3 would remain unchanged.

4. Any general board, cause, agency, or institution or any organization, group, officer, or individual of The United Methodist Church or to which The United Methodist Church contributes financial support desiring or proposing to make a special churchwide financial appeal during the quadrennium shall present a request for authorization to make such appeal to the General Council on Finance and Administration at the time budgets for the ensuing quadrennium are being considered. All such appeals shall be reviewed by the General Council on Ministries and its actions shall be reported to the General Council on Finance and Administration. The council shall then report such request to the General Conference with a recommendation for its action thereon. "Special appeal" shall be understood to mean any appeal other than the general appeal for support of the World Service program as represented in the World Service budget. "Churchwide appeal" shall be understood to mean any appeal to the Church at large except appeals to such special groups as alumni of an educational institution. In the interim between the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference such proposed churchwide financial appeal shall require the approval of the General Council on Finance and Administration and the Council of Bishops. In case of emergency the executive committee of either of these bodies may act in such matter for the body itself, but only by a three-fourths vote. **Any individual or agency authorized to make a churchwide appeal for funds shall channel all gifts through the General Council on Finance and Administration. The individal or agency making the appeal shall acknowledge the receipt of each gift to the donor.** The General Council on Finance and Administration shall withhold payment of the allocation from any general fund to any agency or institution which it finds to be in violation of the provisions of this paragraph.

¶ 910.5 will be an amended form of ¶ 916.2.

6. Individual donors or local churches may make contributions to the support of any cause or project which is a part of the work of any general church agency. Such miscellaneous gifts shall be sent to the General Council on Finance and Administration, which shall then forward the gift to the agency for which it is intended. Agencies receiving miscellaneous gifts shall acknowledge receipt of the gift to the donor. No agency shall solicit or cultivate gifts for any cause or project which has not been approved for support through World Service Special gifts (new ¶ 912), general Advance special gifts (¶ 913), or a special appeal (¶ 910.4).

7. No general council, board, commission or committee shall initiate or cause to be organized without approval of the council a foundation or similar organization for the purpose of securing, conserving or expending funds for the direct or indirect benefit or support of any general agency or any of its programs or work. Foundations related directly or indirectly to any general church agency shall report annually to the council in a manner determined by the council.

Report No. 17

Petitions: FA1203
Subject: World Service Special Gifts
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 378, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.
The committee recommends the deletion of old ¶ 912 and adoption of the new ¶ 912 as follows:

¶ 912. World Service Special Gifts.—Individual donors or local churches may make special gifts to the support of any cause or project which is a part of the work of any one of the World Service agencies. Such gifts shall be sent to the Central Treasury of the Council on Finance and Administration. Bequests, gifts on the annuity plan, gifts to permanent funds, and gifts of property shall be classified as special gifts.

1. All special gifts made to or administered by a general agency, except as provided in item 4 below, shall be acknowledged by special-gift vouchers.

2. The vouchers acknowledging such gifts to World Service agencies shall be entitled "World Service Special-gift Vouchers"; provided, however, that vouchers for such gifts designated for approved general Advance projects of the World and National Divisions and the United Methodist Committee on Relief of the Board of Global Ministries shall be entitled "Advance Special-

gift Vouchers"; and provided further, that gifts to any other cause or project which is a part of the work of those agencies shall be acknowledged as "Miscellaneous Gifts."

3. A World Service agency or any individual or agency authorized to make a churchwide appeal for funds shall channel all special gifts through the Central Treasury. Individuals soliciting such funds shall channel the money received through the Central Treasury, which shall issue the proper vouchers.

4. Bequests, gifts on the annuity plan at maturity, and gifts of real property shall be reported to the Central Treasury as supplemental contributions and shall not be subject to prorated service charges.

¶ 912. World Service Special Gifts.—1. A World Service Special gift is a designated financial contribution made by an individual, local church, organization, district, or annual conference to a project authorized as a World Service Special project by the General Council on Ministries. General agencies which qualify under the provisions of ¶ 1007.6 shall be eligible to recommend projects for approval by the General Council on Ministries as World Service Special projects.

2. General guidelines governing the types of projects which may be recommended for approval as World Service Special projects shall be approved by the General Conference on recommendation of the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration.

3. The World Service Special gifts program shall be under the supervision of the General Council on Ministries, which shall be responsible for (1) establishing project approval criteria consistent with the guidelines adopted by the General Conference; (2) establishing the process by which projects may be recommended and approved; (3) approving projects to receive World Service Special gift support; and (4) providing adequate staff administration and program accountability.

4. Churches and individuals shall give priority to the support of World Service and Conference Benevolences and other apportioned funds. World Service Special gift giving shall be voluntary and in addition to the support of apportioned funds. World Service Special gifts shall not be raised as a part of a fund apportioned by an Annual Conference.

5. World Service Special gifts shall be remitted in full by local church treasurers to annual conference treasurers, who shall remit each month to the General Council on Finance and Administration the total amounts received during the month

as World Service Special gifts. The council shall remit such gifts in full to the administering agencies, which shall acknowledge the receipt of every gift to the donor or the local church.

6. The promotion of this program shall consist of: (1) general promotion, for purposes of name identification and visibility, which shall be the responsibility of United Methodist Communications; and (2) specific cultivation of approved projects, which shall be done by the administering agencies to specific audiences that have demonstrated previously their interest and concern for the ministry contained in the approved project. Expenses for both general promotion and specific cultivation shall be borne by the administering agencies and shall not be paid from World Service Special gift receipts. Such expenses shall not exceed amounts approved by the General Council on Finance and Administration and the General Council on Ministries under guidelines approved by the General Conference.

Report No. 18

Petitions: FA1087, FA1343

Subject: Program and Funding Patterns Report

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 76; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 379, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends acceptance of the "Report of the General Conference Study Committee on Program and Funding Patterns." The committee further recommends that recommendations numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, and 17 be referred to the agencies indicated for their consideration.

(Editor's note: the full text of the report was printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages E10-E15. The specific recommendations referred by General Conference action on this report are printed below.)

Recommendations of the Study Committee

1. **It Is Recommended** that the present funding patterns for the programs of The United Methodist Church on the denomination-wide level be affirmed. While there are several general funds, the study committee believes that the present patterns are not too complex for a large denomination.

2. **It Is Recommended** that no new or additional funds or funding approaches be approved without a careful consideration

of the possible impact which such action would have upon the existing funds. When a major change or changes are under consideration in the funding patterns prior to General Conference, the General Council on Finance and Administration, in consultation with the Council of Bishops and the General Council on Ministries, should be prepared to provide a careful assessment of the impact of creating new funds upon the total funding pattern of the denomination. It is the judgement of the study committee that if any changes were made in the funding patterns, these should be made in the direction of fewer funds and less complexity.

3. It Is Recommended that The United Methodist Church strongly affirm the World Service Fund and the ministries which it underwrites. The nature and purpose of this fund should be communicated to the membership of the denomination. Emphasis should be placed on the fact that much of the program activities of the general agencies are supported through the World Service Fund. Other funds and funding patterns should not be established which would adversely affect the support given to this fund.

4. It Is Recommended that the amount of money requested through the World Service Fund be increased significantly. Major portions of witness and service, as carried out by the general agencies, are underwritten by this fund. If the primary work of the general agencies is supported adequately by this fund, it is felt that the agencies would be under less pressure to seek additional funding from a variety of sources. The agencies could devote their energies to the ministries with which they are charged by the General Conference.

7. It Is Recommended that the nature and purpose of each of the general funds be clearly stated in order that these may be readily interpreted. The underlying trust in the funding patterns can be enhanced by the ability to communicate clearly the rationale for the ways by which the funds are requested and the uses to which the contributed monies will be put. Lack of clarity will ultimately lead to lack of understanding which in turn will lead to a lack of trust in the total funding pattern of the church.

8. It Is Recommended that the various individual line items within each of the general funds give evidence that they clearly belong in and relate to the central purpose of that general fund. Often the logic for the inclusion of certain items in certain general funds is not readily apparent. It is especially important that the World Service Fund and the General Administration Fund be clearly understood. The General Council on Finance and

Administration should review this issue as it prepares budgets for presentation to the General Conference.

9. It Is Recommended that each annual conference review the funding pattern which it has developed for the work of the annual conference. The annual conference funding pattern should be explored to note those patterns which are helpful and those which obscure the program and the funding for the annual conference and the total denomination. The annual conference funding pattern should be reviewed both in the light of the general church enactments as well as the particular history and needs of the annual conference. Care should be taken in the annual conference to see that the funding patterns established, the ways in which the askings for the funds are made, and the ways by which they are subsequently combined and forwarded to the local churches, do not cause confusion and lack of clarity. The Council of Bishops, collectively, and each bishop in the respective episcopal area, and the General Council on Finance and Administration should be prepared to be of assistance in this discussion in the annual conference.

14. It Is Recommended that for the 1985-88 quadrennium, the funding program now available in the World Service Special gifts be modified and renamed to provide United Methodists the opportunity to give funds directly to specific programs and projects. This would be a program similar to the present General Advance Specials, which is related only to certain program departments and divisions of the General Board of Global Ministries. The program-related general agencies (as listed in ¶ 803.5) which are not administering agencies in the General Advance Specials program would be entitled to receive funds through this funding program.

15. It Is Recommended that such a method of giving be carefully monitored in the 1985-88 quadrennium to note how the procedures have worked and the ways by which the agencies have utilized the funds received. Further, it should be monitored to note the impact on the World Service Fund and on other general funds as well as to note how useful it is for the general agencies.

16. It Is Recommended that the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration be charged with the responsibility of developing the procedures and guidelines for such a method of giving. This would need to be developed with great care to ensure that the administrative procedures and the projects were formed in such a way so as to serve the best interests of the total denomination.

17. It Is Recommended that no new funding channel or fund be

established for the 1985-88 quadrennium.

Report No. 19

Petitions: FA1302, FA1305, FA1303, FA1051
Subject: Investment Policies of General Board of Pensions
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 72; For 68; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 380, Adopted, May 8, 1984, Journal Page 331.
The committee voted nonconcurrence with these petitions, directing investment.

Report No. 20

Petitions: FA1233, FA1304, FA1307
Subject: Investment Policy of General Board of Pensions
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 72; For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 381, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 331.
The committee voted nonconcurrence with the petitions listed, directing investments.

Report No. 21

Petitions: FA1204
Subject: World Service Special Gifts: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 13
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 382, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 397.
The committee recommends adoption of the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "The World Service Special Gifts Fund" (See pages 566-570).

Report No. 22

Petitions: FA1279, FA1280, FA1273
Subject: Payment of Pension Benefits to Former Spouses
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 383, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 454.
The committee voted nonconcurrence as this is already permitted in our pension plans.

Report No. 23

Petitions: FA1216, FA1217
Subject: Black College Fund
Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 384, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends adoption of ¶ 918-918.3, amended as follows:

¶ 918. Black College Fund.—The Council shall recommend to the General Conference the sum which the Church shall undertake for the black colleges and the method by which it shall be apportioned to the Annual Conferences. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support for current operating budgets and capital improvements of the black colleges related administratively to the Church. *The Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry shall administer the fund according to the guidelines for support and a formula approved by the General Conference.*

1. The current funds received annually shall be distributed to those black colleges whose eligibility under adopted guidelines of management, educational quality, and measurement by announced objectives shall be the precondition of participation. These guidelines shall be revised and administered by the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, in consultation with the Council of Presidents of the Black Colleges. The Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry shall administer the fund according to the guidelines for support and a formula approved by the General Conference.

2. In the interim between sessions of the General Conference, *these* **the** guidelines for support and *this* formula **for distribution** may be changed as necessary upon recommendation of the Council of Presidents of the Black Colleges and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and with the consent of the Council on Finance and Administration.

3. Promotion of the Black College Fund shall be by the Division of Higher Education, *and* in consultation with the Council of Presidents of the Black Colleges, and in cooperation with and with the assistance of the *General Commission on Communications,* **Division of Program and Benevolence Interpretation of United Methodist Communications,** the cost being a prior claim against the Black College Fund receipts and within a budget approved by the Division of Higher Education and the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Report No. 24

Petitions: FA1274, FA1311

Subject: Support for Pensions for Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conferences
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 75; For 69; Against 5; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 385, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 501.
The committee recommends the subject of these petitions be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration, in consultation with the General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Global Ministries for study and report to the 1988 General Conference.

Report No. 25
Petitions: FA1297, FA1296, FA1295
Subject: General Board of Pensions Authorizations
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 78; For 73; Against 4; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 386, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 455.
The committee recommends the adoption of ¶ 1704.3, 1704.8, and 1704.12 as amended:

Amend ¶ 1704.3 as follows:
3. The Board is authorized to receive, hold, manage, merge, consolidate, administer, and invest and reinvest, by and through its constituent corporations, all connectional pension and benefit funds. **The Board shall discharge its duties with respect to a plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries and for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expense of administering the plan, with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.** The board is encouraged to invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or funds which make a positive contribution toward the realization of goals outlined in the Social Principles of our Church, subject to other provisions of the Discipline, and with due regard to any and all special contracts, agreements, and laws applicable thereto.

Amend ¶ 1704.8 as follows:
8. The Board shall share in the funds raised for the World Service budget of The United Methodist Church as provided for in ¶ 911 of the Discipline and in enabling acts.
8. The Board shall not use for operational or administrative

purposes funds raised for the World Service budget of The United Methodist Church.

Amend ¶ 1704.12 as follows:

12. The board is authorized and empowered to continue the operation, management, and administration of the following pension and benefit funds, plans, and programs, **these to include but** not to be restricted to: The Ministerial Pension Plan; The Comprehensive Protection Plan; The Lay Pension Plan; The Basic Protection Plan; **The Staff Pension Plan;** The Senior Plan; Ministers Reserve Pension Fund; The Minister's Reserve Pension Plan; The Current Income Distribution Pension Plan; Joint Contributory Annuity Fund; Staff Pension Fund; The Pension Plan for Lay Employees; Lay Employees Pension Fund; Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund; Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program; Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program; Death Benefit Program; Bishops Reserve Pension and Benefit Fund, in consultation with the General Council on Finance and Administration; the Printing Establishment of The United Brethren in Christ Fund; The Home Office Pension Fund of the Board of Global Ministries, in consultation with the Board of Global Ministries; Chaplains Pension Fund, in consultation with the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries; Retirement Allowance for Bishops, General Church Officers, and Staff Personnel Plan of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church, with funds to be provided by the General Council on Finance and Administration; Temporary General Aid Fund, in consultation with the Standing General Commission on Religion and Race, as determined by the General Conference, with funds to be provided by the General Council on Finance and Administration. Effective immediately, the General Board of Pensions shall report to the General Conference pension and benefit funds, plans, and programs to be proposed for the General Conference to receive, review, adopt, approve, or otherwise act upon this report.

Report No. 26

Petitions: FA1046

Subject: Churches Center for Theology and Public Policy

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 387, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 399.

The committee recommends the adoption of the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Churches' Center for

Theology and Public Policy" (See pages 576-578).

Report No. 27

Petitions: FA1113, FA1115

Subject: Membership of the General Council on Finance and Administration

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 73; For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 388, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 451.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with the proposed change in ¶ 905.1.

Report No. 28

Petitions: FA1072, FA1079, FA1095

Subject: Prohibit United Methodist Church Financial Aid for Persons Refusing to Register for the Draft

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 76; For 42; Against 34; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 389, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 450.

The committee voted nonconcurrence with the petitions.

Report No. 28 (Minority Report)

Petitions: FA1072, FA1079, FA1096

Subject: Prohibit United Methodist Financial Aid for Students Refusing to Register for the Draft

Date: May 5, 1984

Calendar No. 860, Ruled out of order, Journal Page 450.

To add to the *Discipline* a new ¶ 906.14 to read:

14. The council shall ensure that no board, agency, commission, or council shall use United Methodist funds for financial aid to students who violate the draft registration law by refusing to register for the draft.

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Report No. 29

Petitions: FA1334

Subject: Report of The United Methodist Publishing House

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 79; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 390, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends the report be received as printed in

the *Daily Christian Advocate,* Advance Edition, pages J22-J31.

Report No. 30

Petitions: FA1337
Subject: Organization of General Board of Publication
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 78; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 391, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.
The committee recommends amending ¶ 1802 as follows:

¶ 1802. Organization.—The General Board of Publication hereinafter called the board, constituted coincident with or next following the Declaration of Union of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church, shall consist of forty-five members, including two bishops selected by the Council of Bishops. Five members shall be members at large elected by the board, **with consideration given to representation of racial and ethnic minority groups not elected by the Jurisdictions.**

Amend third sentence by adding the following:

The remaining members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on a ratio which will provide for an equitable distribution among the various jurisdictions, based on the memberships thereof; provided that no jurisdiction shall be represented by fewer than two members. **It is recommended that persons elected by each jurisdiction be inclusive of ethnic minority groups—Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, and Native American.** (Other portions of the paragraph would remain unchanged.)

Report No. 31

Petitions: FA1033
Subject: Coordination with United Methodist Publishing House
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 78; For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 392, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.
The committee recommends adoption of the ¶ 1837 amendment as printed:
Amend present ¶ 1837 by adding the following sentence at the end:

The board president and publisher shall consult with the general program agencies, the General Commission on

Communication, and the General Council on Ministries with regard to their publishing needs in order to avoid unnecessary overlapping and duplication.

Report No. 32

Petitions: FA1329, FA1330, FA1332, FA1333, FA1335, FA1336, FA1341

Subject: Various Requests for Special Publications or Service

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 393, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends the above petitions be referred to the United Methodist Publishing House for consideration.

Report No. 33

Petitions: FA-LC1257, FA-LC1048, FA1083, FA1090, FA1064

Subject: Changes in Official Forms

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 394, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends that these petitions be referred to the Committee on Official Forms and Records of the General Council on Finance and Administration for consideration.

Report No. 34

Petitions: FA1171

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 12: Special Days with Offerings

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 80; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 395, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 396 .

The committee recommends adoption of the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Special Days with Offerings" (see pages 563-566).

Report No. 35

Petitions: FA1265–1267

Subject: Reporting Remuneration for Pastors Appointed Beyond the Local Church

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 396, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following ¶ 938 as a substitute for ¶ 938 in the *Discipline:*

¶ 938. Every ministerial member of an annual conference appointed beyond the local church shall furnish annually to the conference secretary, at such time as the secretary shall direct, a statement of his or her total compensation (including salary, travel, automobile, housing, and other expenses allowed and paid) for the year then ending, and said compensation of all ministers appointed beyond the local church shall be published in the journal of the annual conference.

Report No. 36

Petitions: FA1003

Subject: Composition of Conference Council on Finance and Administration

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 72; For 37; Against 35; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 397, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 458.

The committee recommends concurrence to add a fifth sentence to ¶ 708.2a, as follows:

a) . . . Churches of less than 200 members may be represented on the Conference Council on Finance and Administration in at least as high a proportion as their total membership to the conference membership. . . .

Report No. 37

Petitions: FA1264

Subject: Inclusive Language in ¶ 937

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 77; For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 398, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends referral to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision for action.

Report No. 38

Petitions: FA1241

Subject: Minimum Salary for Rio Grande and Puerto Rico Conference

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 79; For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 399, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.

The committee recommends this resolution be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for study and report to the 1988 General Conference.

Report No. 39

Petitions: FA1105

Subject: Specific Assignments: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 16

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 400, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 398.

The committee recommends receiving the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Specific Assignments by the 1980 General Conference," as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, pages C38-C40.

Report No. 40

Petitions: FA1058, FA1144

Subject: National UM Native American Center

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 76; For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 401, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 451.

The committee recommends this be referred to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for study in formal consultation with the board of directors of the National United Methodist Native American Center and report its recommendations concerning implementation to the General Council on Finance and Administration, no later than a time that will enable consideration of the recommendation by the General Council on Finance and Administration at its 1985 annual meeting.

Report No. 41

Petitions: FA1065, FA1184–1191, FA1193–1195, FA1197–1200, FA1205, FA1208, FALC1193, FAAD1214

Subject: Designated Giving

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 88; Present 84; For 52; Against 31; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 402, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 332.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with both the petitions and the following substitute for the petitions listed:

The World Service Fund apportionment to each annual conference shall be itemized to reflect the percentage allocated to each agency. Payment of the World Service Fund is the first benevolent responsibility of the local church. An annual confer-

ence may, if it elects, determine an alternate percentage of support for each agency as long as the total amount apportioned is allocated to the several agencies.

The allocations by the annual conference shall be reported to the General Council on Finance and Administration which shall in turn advise the General Council on Ministries and the agencies of the amounts projected for the ensuing year. All apportionments paid by annual conferences shall be disbursed to the agencies as designated by the annual conferences.

Report No. 42

Petitions: FA1301
Subject: Investment Policies of General Board
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 88; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 403, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 501.
The committee recommends concurrence with petition commending ¶ 1704.3.

Report No. 43

Petitions: FA1183
Subject: Churchwide Campaign for Zoar UMC
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 88; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 861, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends referral to the General Council on Finance and Administration for consideration as provided in ¶910.4.

Report No. 44

Petitions: FA1263, FA1242, FA1042, FA1054, FA1098, FA1099, FA1100-1104, FA1254, FALC1133
Subject: Standard Salary Plan Option
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 88; Present 65; For 42; Against 21; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 862, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 453.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence with these petitions.

Report No. 44 (Minority)

Petitions: FA1263, FA1242, FA1042, FA1054, FA1098, FA1099, FA1100-1104, FA1254, FA-LC1133
Subject: Standard Salary Plan Option

Date: May 5, 1984

Calendar No. 863, Defeated May 11, 1984, Journal Page 453.

We recommend adoption of the following proposed ¶ 936—Standard Salary Plan Option:

¶ 936.1. An annual conference at any regular session may adopt by two-thirds vote a plan for standardizing and sharing the cost of salary of its active ministers under appointment. The plan shall be put into effect after it has been ratified by at least three-fourths of the charge conferences within the annual conference. The district superintendents shall certify the results of the charge conference actions to the annual conference secretary.

2. The standard salary plan may allow for differences in years of service, educational levels, numbers of dependents, or other variables such as actual differences in living costs, as the annual conference may approve.

3. The Conference Council on Finance and Administration shall estimate the amount necessary to provide such ministerial support as may be required by the schedule adopted, which amount shall be distributed as an apportionment to the districts or pastoral charges by a method determined by the conference.

4. The amounts due from the pastoral charges on apportionment shall be paid to a conference treasury established for that purpose, and all standard salaries due shall be paid from that treasury. The standard salary provided for each minister under the plan shall constitute his/her entire salary.

5. The Conference Council on Finance and Administration shall administer the standard salary plan and shall be responsible for collecting and disbursing the funds.

6. An annual conference which has elected to pay its salaries according to a Standard Salary Plan as herein provided may terminate the plan by a two-thirds vote of the annual conference at any regular session.

Renumber present ¶ 936 as required.

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Report No. 45

Petitions: FA1244

Subject: Equitable Salaries

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 864, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 459. The committee recommends amendments to ¶ 935 as follows:

Amend ¶ 935.1, .3, .4, .6 as shown below:

¶ 935. Equitable Salaries.—1. There shall be in each Annual Conference a Commission on Equitable Salaries composed of an equal number of lay and clergy persons—including at least one lay **person** and one clergy **person** from churches of fewer than two hundred members—who are nominated by the conference Nominating Committee and elected by and amenable to the Annual Conference. **In addition, one district superintendent named by the Cabinet shall be a member.**

¶ 935.2 would remain unchanged.

3. The commission shall carefully study the needs for additional ministerial support within the conference and the sources of income, and shall recommend annually to the conference for its action a schedule of minimum salaries for all full-time pastors, subject to such rules and regulations as the conference may adopt **(¶¶ 437.1, 438.3a, b).**

4. In so far as practicable This schedule of minimum salaries shall be observed by the bishops and district superintendents in arranging charges and making appointments. **Each full-time pastor under episcopal appointment to a local church is eligible for participation in the Annual Conference program of equitable salaries (¶ 438.3a).**

¶ 935.5 would remain unchanged.

6. In consultation with the Commission on Equitable Salaries, the Council on Finance and Administration shall recommend to the conference its estimate of the amount required to support the schedule of minimum salaries and salary supplements for the pastors, as adopted by the conference. The conference Council on Finance and Administration shall apportion the amount approved by the conference as an item of ministerial support to the districts or the charges as the conference may direct **(¶ 710.1d).**

¶ 935.7 would remain unchanged.

Delete ¶ 935.8, which has been held unconstitutional in Judicial Council Decision No. 433.

8. Clergy couples, both husband and wife as separate individuals as members of the Annual Conference, have the right to full claim on the minimum salary fund when they accept a

full-time appointment, either as pastors of adjoining churches or charges, or as co-pastors of a church or charge. At their joint initiative and after consultation with the district superintendent and/or bishop, they may jointly waive any portion or all of her/his share of the minimum salary fund. Such a request of waiver shall be presented, in writing, to the district superintendent and the Annual Conference Commission on Equitable Salaries. Such a waiver shall be received and established annually, as long as this appointment continues to have a claim on the minimum salary fund.

¶ 935.9 would be renumbered without change as 935.8.

¶ 935.10 would be renumbered without change as 935.9.

Amend ¶ 935.12 and renumber it as ¶ 935.10.

10. *12.* The commission **shall** *may* assemble and distribute to the charges and the district superintendents advisory material for use in the process of negotiating salary and benefit packages, the schedule of minimum salaries, and other information relevant to the establishment of more equitable salaries by **all** the charges of the conference.

¶ 935.11 would remain unchanged.

Report No. 46

Petitions: FA1342
Subject: Episcopal Address
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 88; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 865, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends that the Episcopal Address be received with appreciation.

Report No. 47

Petitions: FA1320
Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Amendment about Delinquent Contributions
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 866, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends adoption of the following amend-

ments to the Comprehensive Protection Plan Document, subsection 4.4:

4.4 Delinquent Contributions.

(a) In the event the church contributions required in this Section 4, on behalf of any person, are more than 180 days in arrears, the participation of and the benefits related to any such person under this Plan shall be suspended until arrangements have been made for the resumption of contributions satisfactory to the general board.

If the death of a Plan Participant occurs within the first 180 days of participation and the salary paying unit has failed to make any church contributions on behalf of such Participant, all Plan benefits will be withheld until the required contributions are paid.

(b) When the participation of and the benefits related to any person under this Plan have been suspended due to an arrearage of more than 180 days, the suspension shall remain in effect until church contributions for six months at the current rate and for the current month have been paid, and evidence of good health has been established by the Participant (by the submission of a medical report evidencing, in the opinion of staff supported by the recommendation of the Board's Medical Consultant, that the individual is then in a state of good health). Following any such reinstatement, after any such suspension, a new 180 day waiting period, as provided for in subsection 5.4(a), shall become effective before the active Participant will be eligible to receive disability benefits.

Report No. 48

Petitions: FA1328

Subject: Joint Distributing Committee

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 867, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends that ¶ 1709.1 be revised to add following "(b) to distribute equitably the permanent funds and," **all**, and following "responsibility involved" **such distribution to be made within 12 months of the date of the dissolution of the committee as provided in ¶ 1709.3(d)**, so ¶ 1709.1 will read:

¶ 1709. Joint Distributing Committees.—1. Authorizations.—Whenever two or more Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences are to be merged, in whole or in part, there shall be elected by each conference affected a Distributing Committee of three

members and three alternates, which shall act jointly with similar committees from the other conference or conferences. The Joint Distributing Committee thus formed shall have the power and authority: (a) to allocate the pension responsibility involved; (b) to distribute equitably the permanent funds and **all** other pension assets of the conference or conferences affected, taking into consideration the pension responsibility involved, **such distribution to be made within 12 months of the date of the dissolution of the committee as provided in ¶ 1709.3(d);** (c) to the extent not otherwise previously provided for by the conference or conferences involved, to apportion or distribute equitably any other assets or property and any other liabilities or obligations. It shall be governed by the legal restrictions or limitations of any contract, trust agreement, pledge, deed, will, or other legal instrument.

And add a new ¶ 1709.4 which reads as follows:

1709.4. Whenever a single Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference is to be divided into two or more conferences, the provisions of ¶ 1709 shall be applied and, provided further, the distributing committee members of each resulting conference shall be named subsequent to the effective date of the division and no later than the first regular annual session of such conferences.

Report No. 49

Petitions: FA1313–1317

Subject: Conference Pension Responsibilities

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 868, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends the adoption of amendments to ¶ 1706.2a, 1706.4e, 1706.7, 1706.14d and 1706.21 as follows:

Amend ¶ 1706.2a as follows:

a) Service rendered prior to January 1, 1982, by a minister or local pastor in The United Methodist Church, including service rendered in either or both of the uniting churches prior to church union, shall be approved for pension credit in accordance with provisions of the Discipline in effect and applicable thereto, **or as subsequently amended,** at the time such service was rendered. Pension for such service shall be provided in accordance with the past service provisions of the Ministerial Pension Plan.

Amend ¶ 1706.4e as follows:

e) Pension responsibility on account of the appointment of a ministerial member of an Annual Conference to attend school **prior to 1982** shall be allocated to the conference or conferences in which the minister shall first thereafter render six years of service under appointment **to a local church, to conference staff, as a district superintendent, or to an appointment beyond the local church normally considered to be eligible for pension by the Annual Conference** *with pension credit other than to attend school; provided that if the minister does not thereafter render as much as six years of approved service other than to attend school, the responsibility for periods under appointment to attend school shall be allocated on a pro rata basis to the conference or conferences in which the minister rendered approved service subsequent to the period of appointment to attend school. This provision shall apply irrespective of whether such periods under appointment were before or after its enactment; provided, however, that such allocation shall not apply in cases where pension payments were in effect prior to January 1, 1973, on the basis of the allocation or responsibility under previous legislation.* **This allocation procedure shall continue through December 31, 1987, at which time any unallocated years shall be assigned on a pro rata basis to the conference or conferences in which service under appointment to a local church, to conference staff, as a district superintendent, or to an appointment beyond the local church normally considered to be eligible for pension coverage by the Annual Conference totalled less than six years; provided, however, that such allocation shall not apply in cases where pension payments were in effect prior to January 1, 1985, on the basis of the allocation of responsibility under previous legislation.**

Amend ¶ 1706.7 as follows:

7. The Annual Conference shall review annually the annuity rate for service rendered in the Annual Conference prior to January 1, 1982, for the purpose of adjusting the rate as appropriate, taking into account changes in economic conditions. Such annuity rate shall be determined each year without restriction, other than that contained in ¶ 1706.2b, but it is recommended that *the* **such** rate *reflect changes in pastors' salaries of the conference* **be not less than 1 percent of the Average Salary of the conference as computed by the General Board of Pensions.** The annuity rate for approved service of local pastors shall also be determined by the conference each year

and may be the same as the rate for service of conference members, but it shall be no less than 75 percent of that rate. A successor conference resulting from a merger involving a former Central Jurisdictional Conference shall establish for all for whom it has pension responsibility the same rate for past service of conference members in the Central Jurisdiction as for service in a geographic former Methodist jurisdiction and the same rate for past service of local pastors regardless of the jurisdiction in which the service was rendered.

Amend ¶ 1706.14d as follows:

d) Ministerial members in an Annual Conference who voluntarily withdraw from the ministry of The United Methodist Church to enter the ministry of another Church or denomination, on the attainment of age sixty-two and *retirement from the ministry of such other Church or denomination*, on recommendation of the conference Board of Pensions and a three-fourths vote of those present and voting in any Annual Conference in which approved service was rendered prior to January 1, 1982, or the legal successor, may be recognized and granted pensions on account of approved service rendered in that conference. If pension begins prior to the age at which retirement under ¶ 447.2c could have occurred, then the provisions of ¶ 1706.4i shall apply.

Amend ¶ 1706.21 as follows:

21. Optional provisions contained in the Ministerial Pension Plan and Comprehensive Protection Plan may be adopted by vote of the Annual Conference subsequent to the receipt of a recommendation from the Board of Pensions.

The recommended contribution rate for service rendered after December 31, 1985 for the Ministerial Pension Plan is 12% of the contribution base. However, for service rendered after December 31, 1985, the percentage of the contribution base that may be paid to fund the Ministerial Pension Plan in any one year will be limited to:

a) Twelve percent, if the then current annuity rate is at least nine-tenths of 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary, as computed by the General Board of Pensions.

b) **For the period January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1989,** not more than 11 percent, if the then current annuity rate is at least eight-tenths of 1 percent, but less than nine-tenths of 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary as computed by the General Board of Pensions.

c) **For the period January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1989,**

not more than 10 percent, if the then current annuity rate is less than eight-tenths of 1 percent of the Conference Average Salary as computed by the General Board of Pensions.

d) **Effective January 1, 1990, eleven percent, if the then current Pension Rate is less than nine-tenths of one percent of the Conference Average Salary, as computed by the General Board of Pensions.**

Report No. 50

Petitions: FA1318

Subject: Compensation for Contribution Base for Pensions

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 869, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends that ¶ 1706.1 be amended by adding following "service approved", **or compensation entering the contribution base,** so the paragraph would read:

¶ 1706.1. The Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Conference Board of Pensions, shall determine the admissibility and validity of service approved, **or compensation entering the contribution base,** for pension credit and the payment, disallowances, and deductions thereunder, subject to the provisions of the Discipline and the rules and regulations of the pension funds, plans, and programs of The United Methodist Church.

Report No. 51

Petitions: FA1066

Subject: Liens on Pensions Payable under Ministerial Pension Plan

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 870, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following amendment to the Ministerial Pension Plan document:

Add in section 10.1 following "in subsection 10.6," **and/or 10.7,** and renumber existing 10.7 to 10.8 and add a new subsection 10.7 which reads as follows:

10.7. Liens on Pensions: A lien on a pension shall mean the right of a conference to hold, retain, or appropriate the pension or any part thereof of a Retired Participant or Beneficiary related to service in that conference of a Retired Participant or Beneficiary due to unpaid apportionments or required contributions for the pension and benefit programs

maintained by the conference Board of Pensions for the conference.

Whenever a ministerial member or local pastor is in debt to a conference or any of its organizations, due to unpaid apportionments or required contributions for the pension and benefit programs administered by the conference Board of Pensions for the conference, the debt shall constitute a lien on the pension related to service in that conference, and the conference Board of Pensions shall have the power to appropriate and apply such pension, or any part thereof, to the payment of such debt; provided, however, that not more than one-tenth of the pension payable by the conference in which the debt was incurred shall be appropriated in any year for such purpose; and provided, furthermore, that such power shall not be interpreted as applying to the settlement of other debts of a ministerial member or local pastor.

Report No. 52

Petitions: FA1276

Subject: Adequate Pension for Rio Grande and Puerto Rico Conferences

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 871, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends that this be referred to the General Board of Pensions for study and report to the 1988 General Conference.

Report No. 53

Petitions: FA1283

Subject: Report of the General Board of Pensions

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 872, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends that the General Conference receive the report with appreciation.

Report No. 54

Petitions: FA1039, FA1275, FA1284, FA1285, FA1298

Subject: Miscellaneous Pension-Related Matters

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 873, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends that these several petitions be referred to the General Board of Pensions for its consideration.

Report No. 55

Petitions: FA1277

Subject: "Build-Up" for Part-time Service in Comprehensive Protection Plan

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 66; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 874, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 501.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with this proposed revision to the Comprehensive Protection Plan document.

Report No. 56

Petitions: FA1287, FA1312

Subject: General Board of Pensions Membership and Authorizations

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 875, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 57

Petitions: FA1067

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 17: Lovely Lane Chapel Special Appeal

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 876, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends adoption of the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Lovely Lane Chapel Special Appeal" (See page 576).

Report No. 58

Petitions: FA1082

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 18: Pacific Homes Litigation

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 877, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 399.
The committee recommends the acceptance of the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Pacific Homes Litigation" (See page 576).

Report No. 59

Petitions: FA1111, FA1112, FA1176

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Committees and Other Administrative Responsibilities

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 88; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 878, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends adoption of ¶ 905.4d, to be in effect upon adjournment of this Conference, and the adoption of ¶ 907.1 through 907.15, with ¶ 907.7 to be in effect upon adjournment of this Conference.

Amend ¶ 905.4d as follows:

d) Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices.—The council shall organize a committee consisting of **three** *four* representatives from the General Council on Finance and Administration, one of whom shall serve as chairperson, two representatives from the General Council on Ministries, *two representatives from the General Board of Pensions,* **and** one representative of each of the **following agencies: the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Commission on Archives and History, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the General Commission on Communication, the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women** *program boards, and one representative from each of the standing general commissions.* Each of the aforementioned representatives shall be selected by the council, board, or commission represented from its membership. The committee shall have duties and responsibilities as defined in ¶ 907.7.

Amend ¶ 907.1 as follows:

1. To establish general policy governing the leasing, sale, rental, renovation, or purchase of property by a general agency

in the United States or Puerto Rico . . . Nothing in the foregoing shall include the operational requirements of the **General** Board of Publication **or the General Board of Pensions.**

Amend ¶ 907.2 by additions as follows:

2. The General Council on Finance and Administration and the General Council on Ministries, acting in concert, shall establish a procedure for **and make** a quadrennial review with the general agencies regarding the location of their headquarters and staff **and report the same to the General Conference.**

¶ 907.3 would remain unchanged. Amend the first sentence of ¶ 907.4 as follows:

4. To take all necessary legal steps to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of *The United Methodist Church* **the denomination;** to maintain a file of legal briefs related to cases involving **the denominational interests of** The United Methodist Church, and to make provisions for legal counsel when necessary to protect the interests **and rights of the denomination.** *Of the Church at the request of a general agency or a bishop, as the council deems advisable.*

The remainder of present ¶ 907.4 would remain unchanged. Amend the last sentence of ¶ 907.5 in such a way as to require reporting only once in each quadrennium; the preceding portion of the paragraph would remain unchanged.

5. . . . . They shall report their accomplishments in improvements and economies **to the council before the close of the third fiscal year of each quadrennium, at a time determined by** *at the close of each fiscal year to* the council, which shall prepare from this information a combined report for the General Conference.

Delete present ¶ 907.6 in its entirety and substitute a new ¶ 907.6 as shown below:

6. *To determine policy for ownership, lease, and use of computers by the general church agencies and to formulate policy governing the dataprocessing function carried out by general church agencies. Data processing shall include data gathering, storage, and retrieval.*

6. a) To advise and consult with general agencies receiving general church funds about the ownership, lease and use of electronic data processing or electronic word processing.

b) When a general agency receiving general church funds proposes to purchase or lease any electronic computer that will be used for data processing, word processing, or

management information functions, the council shall:

(1) Consult with the agency regarding the hardware and software configurations for the purpose of overall coordination of computing devices in the agencies and,

(2) Review the proposed computer purchase for cost effectiveness and fiscal appropriateness. This review shall be for advisory and consultative purposes.

c) Electronic data or word processing shall include information gathering, manipulation, storage, retrieval, and dissemination as achieved by an electronic computer or similar device.

Amend ¶ 907.7 by additions and deletions as indicated below, and by renumbering and relettering the sections of the subparagraph.

7.a) The council shall: (1) require each general agency **as listed in ¶ 905.4d),** including itself, to follow uniform policies and practices in the employment and remuneration of personnel, recognizing differences in local employment conditions, **and** (2) **be authorized to gather from all general agencies, at such intervals as it may determine, information regarding the number of agency employees and staff and the salary paid each such employee or staff member; salary information shall be collected by job classification or title only.**

b) The Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices (¶ 905.4d) shall: (1) prepare quadrennially, review annually, and recommend to the council an appropriate salary schedule, based upon responsibilities, for executive staff personnel of the councils, boards, and commissions represented on the committee; (2) *The committee shall* develop and recommend to the council a schedule of benefits for an employee benefit program for general agency personnel and any changes required thereto from time to time, *which program shall be administered by the General Board of Pensions under arrangements approved by the committee and the council. c) The committee shall*; **and** (3) receive from agencies and institutions receiving general church funds statements regarding their compliance with the policy stated in ¶ 910.1. Based on these statements, and in consultation with and upon the advice of the *Standing* General Commission on Religion and Race and the *Standing* General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the committee shall prepare for the **General** Council on Finance and Administration reports and recommendations deemed appropriate by the committee. *d)* In the event it is determined by the council that an agency or institution receiving general church funds is not in compliance with the equal employment opportunity policies and the salary and employee

benefit schedules estabished by the committee, the council shall notify in writing the agency so named and suspend, after a three-month period of grace, an appropriate amount of future funding until the agency or institution complies.

¶ 907.8-.9 would remain unchanged. Amend the first sentence of ¶ 907.10 by deleting *the Fact Book;* the remainder of the paragraph would be unchanged.

10. To prepare the important statistics relating to The United Methodist Church for the General Minutes, *the Fact Book*, or such other publications and releases as may be approved by the council.

¶ 907.11-.12 would remain unchanged. Insert a new ¶ 907.13, as follows:

13. To sponsor a National Association of Commissions on Equitable Salaries of The United Methodist Church. Under the sponsorship of the council, the association shall provide guidance and counsel to Annual Conference Commissions on Equitable Salaries in their areas of responsibility (¶ 935) by means of consultations, workshops, development of educational materials and informational resources, and other appropriate means. The council, in its sponsorship role, may provide such staff and in-kind services to the association as it deems appropriate. If the council deems it advisable, it may establish a committee to make recommendations regarding the fulfillment of its sponsoring relationship to the association. Such a committee, if established, should include one or more chairpersons of Annual Conference Commissions on Equitable Salaries, as well as members of the council, in its membership.

Renumber ¶ 907.13 as 907.14, and amend as follows:

14. To institute, manage, and maintain a churchwide insurance program for the protection of United Methodist Church property and persons, *covering all areas involving the interest of The United Methodist Church and* available to all churches, agencies, institutions, and persons within The United Methodist Church. An insurance trust shall be an integral part of the program.

Renumber ¶ 907.14 as ¶ 907.15, and amend it as follows:

15. To designate *one of its staff members as* the business manager of the General Conference; *when acting in this capacity this staff person,* **who** shall be related operationally to the Commission on the General Conference.

Report No. 60

Petitions: FA1206, FA1029, FA1030, FA1031, FA1037, FA1048, FA1049, FA1053, FA1061, FA1068, FA1080, FA1093, FA1096, FA1272, FA1278, FA1281, FA1282, FA1286, FA1288, FA1289, FA1290, FA1291, FA1292, FA1293, FA1294, FA1299, FA1300, FA1310, FA1319, FA1321, FA1322, FA1323, FA1324, FA1325, FA1326, FACS1696, FAAD1150

Subject: Pension Plans and Organization

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1081, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 61

Petitions: FA1008, FA1010, FA1017, FA1019, FA1020, FA1036, FA1043, FA1044, FA1059, FA1060, FA1074, FA1075, FA1077, FA1084, FA1088, FA1119, FA1135, FA1136, FA1138, FA1145, FA1182, FA1192, FA1196, FA1202, FA1210, FA1211, FA1212, FA1215, FA1236, FA1237, FA1209, FACS1766

Subject: Prohibit or Restrict Funding Causes or Organizations

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1082, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 62

Petitions: FA1052, FA1092, FA1097, FA1106, FA1245-53, FA1259-62, FAMN1041

Subject: Proposals Related to Equitable Salary

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1083, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 63

Petitions: FA HE1005, FA MN1736, FA1178, FA HE1009, FA HE1010

Subject: Requests for Funding or Levels of Funding

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 66; For 65; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1084, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 64

Petitions: FA1002, 1004, 1005, 1007, 1009, FA1013-015, 1018, 1021-23, 1045, 1062, FA1078, 1139, 1243, FA-LC1138
Subject: Conference Council on Finance and Administration Organization and Budget
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 88; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1085, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 65

Petitions: FA1218
Subject: Temporary General Aid Fund for Provisional Annual Conference Successors
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 88; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1086, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends that this be amended to include other conferences with similar needs and referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for its consideration.

Report No. 66

Petitions: FA1081, FA1110, FA1114, FA1177, FA1234, FA1235, FA1338-40, FA-AD1213, FA-HE1258, FA-GM1089, FA-AD1034
Subject: Miscellaneous Financial Administration
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 88; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1087, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 67

Petitions: FA1172
Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 1: World Service Fund
Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 72; For 55; Against 17; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1088, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 383.* The committee concurs with the amended General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Recommendations for the World Service Fund, 1985-1988 Quadrennium" (see pages 523-531).

Report No. 68

Petitions: FA1126

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 2: Apportionment Formula

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 72; For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1089, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 388.* The committee concurs with the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Apportionment Formula" (see pages 532-534).

Report No. 69

Petitions: FA1232

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 3: Episcopal Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1090, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 389.* The committee concurs with the General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Episcopal Fund" (see pages 534-547).

Report No. 70

Petitions: FA1228

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 4: Ministerial Education Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1091, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 390.* The committee concurs with the revised General Council on Finance and Administration report, "Ministerial Education Fund" (see pages 547-550).

Report No. 71

Petitions: FA1219

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 5: Temporary General Aid Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1092, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 390.* The committee concurs in the General Council on Finance and

Administration report, "Temporary General Aid Fund" (see pages 550-552).

Report No. 72

Petitions: FA1108

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 6: General Administration Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 70; For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1093, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 390.

The committee concurs in the revised General Council on Finance and Administration report, "General Administration Fund" (see pages 552-556).

Report No. 73

Petitions: FA1214

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 7: Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 70; For 51; Against 18; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1094, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 391.

The committee concurs in the General Council on Finance and Administration report, as revised, "Interdenominational Cooperation Fund" (see pages 556-559).

Report No. 74

Petitions: FA1213

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 8: The Black College Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1095, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 391.

The committee concurs in the General Council on Finance and Administration revised report, "Black College Fund" (see pages 559-561).

Report No. 75

Petitions: FA1229

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 9: The Missional Priority Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1096, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 391.

The committee concurs in the General Council on Finance and

Administration revised report, "Missional Priority Fund" (see pages 561-562).

Report No. 76

Petitions: FA1107

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 10: Telecommunication

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1097, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee concurs in the action of the General Council on Finance and Administration in withdrawing this petition for funding telecommunications.

Report No. 77

Petitions: FA1041

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 11: Archives Building

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1098, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 396.

The committee concurs in the General Council on Finance and Administration revised report, "Archives Building" (see pages 562-563).

Report No. 78

Petitions: FA1086

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 14: Program and Benevolence Interpretation Budget

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 68; For 66; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1099, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 397.

The committee concurs in the General Council on Finance and Administration report, as revised, "Program and Benevolence Interpretation Budget" (see pages 570-572).

Report No. 79

Petitions: FA1094

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 15: Reports and Recommendations

Date: (not reported)

Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1100, Adopted May 10, 1984, Journal Page 397.

The committee concurs in the General Council on Finance and Administration report, as revised, "Reports and Recommendations" (see pages 573-575).

Report No. 80

Petitions: FA1035, FA1056, FA1231, FA1233, FA1238, FA1239, FA1240

Subject: Episcopal Fund

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 88; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1101, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.

The committee recommends adoption:

Amend ¶ 922 as follows:

¶ 922. The Episcopal Fund, raised in accordance with ¶ 924, shall provide for the salary and expenses of effective bishops and for the support of retired bishops and surviving spouses and minor children of deceased bishops. Subject to the approval of the **General** Council on Finance and Administration, the treasurer shall have authority to borrow for the benefit of the Episcopal Fund such amounts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the orders of the General Conference.

Amend ¶ 923 as follows: section (2) by deleting *house;* amend the next to last sentence by adding **including annual fiscal statements and audits:**

¶ 923. The council shall recommend to each quadrennial session of the General Conference for its action and determination: (1) the amounts to be fixed as salaries of the effective bishops; (2) a schedule of such amounts as may be judged adequate to provide for their expense of *house*, office, and travel; (3) an annual operating budget for the Council of Bishops, including the office of the secretary of the Council of Bishops, and all travel authorized by the Council of Bishops, including "travel through the connection at large" (¶ 512.2); (4) the amounts to be fixed as annual pensions for the support of retired bishops; and (5) a schedule for allowance for the surviving spouses and for the support of minor children of deceased bishops. From the facts in hand the council shall estimate the approximate total amount required annually during the ensuing quadrennium to provide for the items of episcopal support above mentioned and shall report the same to the General Conference. This amount as finally determined shall be the estimated episcopal budget. The

administration of the Episcopal Fund budget as determined by the General Conference shall be under the direction and authority of the General Council on Finance and Administration, **including annual fiscal statements and audits.** Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the Annual Conference or conferences of an episcopal area from including in their budgets amounts for an area expense fund.

Amend the first sentence of ¶ 925 as follows:

¶ 925.The treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration shall remit monthly to each effective bishop one-twelfth of the annual salary *and also one-twelfth of the housing allowance* as determined by the General Conference, and office expenses as approved by the council, less such deductions or reductions from the salary or office expense allowance as each bishop may authorize. Allowances for retired bishops and for the surviving spouses and minor children of deceased bishops shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

Add a new paragraph following present ¶ 925:

¶ 9____. Housing.—1. The provision of housing for effective bishops in the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be the responsibility of the annual conference or conferences comprising the episcopal area to which the bishop is assigned.

2. In each episcopal area in the Jurisdictional Conferences there shall be an Episcopal Residence Committee; it is recommended that the committee be composed of the following persons:

a) The chairperson, or his/her designate, of the conference Committee on Episcopacy from each conference.

b) The chairperson, or his/her designate, of the conference Council on Finance and Administration from each annual conference.

c) The chairperson, or his/her designate, of the conference Board of Trustees from each annual conference.

3. The chairperson of the Episcopal Residence Committee shall be the representative of the Committee on Episcopacy of the annual conference in which the episcopal residence is currently located.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the Episcopal Residence Committee:

a) To make recommendations to the annual conference(s) regarding the purchase, sale, lease, or rental of an episcopal residence.

b) To prepare an annual budget covering the cost of

providing the episcopal residence which may also include utilities, insurance, and normal costs of upkeep in maintaining the residence.

c) To forward the proposed budget annually to the General Council on Finance and Administration for its action as to that portion of the episcopal residence expense which shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund (see ¶ 926.5).

d) To forward the proposed budget annually and recommend to each conference Council on Finance and Administration the proportionate share of the proposed budget to be borne by that annual conference, such proportionate share to be approved by each annual conference as it acts on the council's budget recommendations (¶ 710).

e) To supervise the expenditure of funds allocated from all sources for expenses related to the provision of the episcopal residence, and to account for such expenditures annually to each annual conference in the episcopal area and to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

f) To give oversight in all matters related to upkeep, maintenance, improvements and appropriate insurance coverages for the episcopal residence.

5. Upon receipt of a budget from the Episcopal Residence Committee, the General Council on Finance and Administration shall provide funds from the Episcopal Fund to share in the costs of providing an episcopal residence, the amount of such funds to be set by the council in accordance with a policy approved by the General Conference on recommendation of the council. The treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration shall remit monthly one-twelfth of the share approved for payment from the Episcopal Fund to the person or office designated by the Episcopal Residence Committee to receive such housing payments.

6. Titles to properties held as episcopal residences shall be held in accordance with ¶ 2511.

Renumber present ¶ 926ff. as needed.

Add a new paragraph after present ¶ 926 to read as shown below, and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

¶ 9____. Fiscal reporting and audit procedures of each area office shall be determined according to a schedule as set forth by the council upon recommendation of the Committee on Episcopal Services.

Amend ¶ 927.1 adding language as follows: ¶ 927.2-.3 would remain unchanged.

¶ 927. Pensions.—1. The pensions for the support of retired bishops elected by General, Jurisdictional, or Central Conferences and the surviving spouses and minor dependent children of such deceased bishops shall be administered by the General Council on Finance and Administration and in accordance with such program and procedures as may from time to time be determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration with the approval of the General Conference. **For service years beginning January 1, 1982, and thereafter, the pensions for the support of bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and those of their surviving spouses and dependent children shall include the benefits provided by the Ministerial Pension Plan and the Comprehensive Protection Plan of the General Board of Pensions.**

Amend the second sentence of ¶ 928 as follows:

¶ 928. Should any effective bishop in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference be relieved by the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction from the performance of regular episcopal duties on account of ill health or for any other reason, the president of the said College of Bishops shall so notify the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund. Beginning ninety days after such notification, the said bishop shall receive the regular pension allowance of a retired bishop, **less any disability benefit payable from the Comprehensive Protection Plan of the General Board of Pensions,** and such pension allowance shall continue until the regular duties of an effective bishop are resumed or until the bishop's status shall have been determined by the Jurisdictional Conference. Assignment of another bishop or bishops to perform the regular episcopal duties of a bishop so disabled or otherwise incapacitated, for a period of sixty days or more, shall be interpreted as a release of the said bishop from the performance of regular episcopal duties.

¶¶ 925, 9XX (Housing), ¶¶ 927 and 928 will become effective upon adjournment of this Conference.

Report No. 81

Petitions: FA1011
Subject: Annual Conference Budgets
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 88; Present 72; For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1102, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends adoption of:

Add a new subsection c) to ¶ 710.1.

c) Based on recommendations from the Episcopal Residence Committee, the council shall recommend the amount to be raised as the Annual Conference share of the cost of the bishop's housing.

Reletter present ¶ 710.1c)-e) as ¶ 710.1d)-f); ¶ 710.2 would remain unchanged.

Amend ¶ 710.3a) and the introductory statement in .3b) as shown below:

3. World Service and Conference Benevolences Budget.—a) In preparing the conference benevolences budget the council, working together with the conference Council on Ministries as provided in ¶ 710.3b), shall make diligent effort to secure full information regarding all conference benevolence and service causes that none may be neglected, jeopardized, or excluded. Basing its judgment of needs upon the information secured, the council shall recommend to the Annual Conference for its action and determination the total amount to be apportioned for the conference benevolences budget. **After receiving the recommendations of the conference Council on Ministries, the council** *it* shall also recommend the amount or the percentage of the total of the conference benevolences budget which shall be allocated to each cause included in the said budget., *such* **Such** recommendations *to* **should** reflect agreement with the conference Council on Ministries on program agency allocations as specified below.

b) *In studying the request of conference program agencies for allocations from the conference benevolences budget, the* **The** council and the Annual Conference Council on Ministries shall work together to establish and follow a procedure which shall preserve the following principles:

Subsections (1)-(2) would remain unchanged from the 1980 Book of Discipline.

Delete ¶ 710.3b(3) and renumber present .3b(4) as .3b)(3).

(3) Before the conference benevolence budget recommendations are presented to the Annual Conference, the chairperson or other authorized representative of any conference program agency which requests it shall have the opportunity to represent the claims of that agency before the conference Council on Finance and Administration.

¶¶ 710.3c)-d) and 710.4-.5 would remain unchanged.

Amend ¶ 710.6 to provide for annual conference budgets to be prepared following guidelines suggested by the General Council on Finance and Administration, and to delete the requirement that a copy be sent to GCFA.

6. The council shall make its budget recommendations to the Annual Conference *on a form prepared by the Committee on Official Forms and Records and* **in a format based on guidelines suggested** *approved* by the General Council on Finance and Administration.*; when the budget has been approved by the Annual Conference, a copy shall be sent to the General Council on Finance and Administration.*

¶ 710.1c is to be effective upon adjournment of this Conference.

Report No. 82

Petitions: FA1206
Subject: Apportioned General Church Funds
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 88; Present 70; For 68; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1103, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 501.
The committee recommends adoption:

Renumber ¶ 916.2 as 910.5 and amend it to apply to all apportioned general funds as approved by the General Conference. ¶ 916.1 would remain unchanged. Renumber ¶ 916.3-.4 as 916.2-.3.

¶ **910.5** *916.2.* The apportionments for **all apportioned general church funds, as approved by the General Conference,** *the general administration budget* shall not be subject to *change or revision* **reduction** either by the Annual Conference or by the charge or local church.

Report No. 83

Petitions: FA1207
Subject: Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 88; Present 68; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1104, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 501.
The committee recommends the adoption of ¶ 917, revised as follows:

¶ 917.The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.—**1. The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, in consultation with the Council of Bishops, shall recommend to the General Council on Finance and Adminis-**

tration the amount of the annual Interdenominational Cooperation Fund allocation to each of the recipients of the fund. The council shall recommend to the General Conference the amounts to be included in the annual Interdenominational Cooperation Fund budget.

2. This fund shall provide the United Methodist share of the basic budgets of those organizations which relate to the ecumenical responsibilities of the Council of Bishops and of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Such organizations shall include the Consultation on Church Union, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and the World Council of Churches. The fund shall also provide for the expenses of representatives chosen by the Council of Bishops or by the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns to meetings and committees of such ecumenical agencies. The General Council on Finance and Administration shall reimburse such expenses from vouchers approved by persons designated by the general secretary of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns or by the general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration.

3. Before the beginning of each calendar year the General Council on Finance and Administration shall determine and communicate to the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns the sum available from the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund Contingency Reserve to be allocated by the commission to meet emerging needs of ecumenical agencies.

COMMITTEE NO. 9

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

Carolyn Oehler, chairperson; George Berry, vice-chairperson; *Forrest Stith*, secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 128-130.

Report No. 1

Petitions: CM1104-1000, CM1105-1000, CM1137-1000, CM1138-1000, CM1154-1000, CM1155-1000

Subject: Missional Priority

Date: May 2, 1984

Membership 96; Present 89; For 60; Against 28; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 216, Defeated May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 255-267.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 6 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on the Missional Priority for the 1985-1988 Quadrennium—'The Church Alive: An Inclusive Church for a Just Society.' " (See page 581).

Report No. 1 (Minority Report)

Petitions: CM1104-1000, CM1105-1000, CM1137-1000, CM1138-1000, CM1154-1000, CM1155-1000

Subject: Missional Priority

Date: May 2, 1984

Calendar No. 216, Adopted and referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration, May 5, 1984, Journal Pages 255-267, 391-392, 561-562.

The General Conference members who co-sponsored the preparation of this minority report strongly urge the 1984 General Conference to mandate "Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church: For Witness and Mission" as the missional priority for the 1984-1988 quadrennium. This missional priority will continue the unfinished task of providing resources, recruitment, leadership development, training and support for ethnic minority local churches and will seek to involve the total church in the implementation of the priority.

Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church shall be supported by an apportioned benevolence of $7 million per year for a total of $28 million for the quadrennium, and shall be known as the Missional Priority Fund.

Foundations

We can uncover the foundations for the 1985-88 Missional Priority on "Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority

Local Church: For Witness and Mission" along two lines of consideration. First, what does it mean to be "missional" today? Second, what avenue represents the "priority" for action?

Clarifying Our Mission

Mission in our Forebears.—In our bicentennial celebrations we are reminded of our missionary origins. Our forebears were numbered among the marginalized in a settled society who moved to the hinterlands of their civilized world. There, they released new movements of the Spirit in ways the church had not seen. They created new modes for witness and service.

They were only following the precedents set by their forebears. From the earliest periods of church history, faithful witnesses surfaced the activities of God in new settings and in new expressions of the faith as they addressed human needs. To be "missional" therefore meant one was following Jesus Christ who sought to release God's actions into the world. Jesus' mission was among his people and reached out even further among those neglected by his predecessors—women, Gentiles, Samaritans, the poor, persons with handicapping conditions and those exploiting of their own people.

Our Emerging World.—If our mission means that we will be releasing distinct expressions of divine activity fit for new, emerging situations, we ask what the budding world looks like today. Four features are worth noting: First, there is a growing diversity within the human family. The so-called "third world" represented three-fourths of the human family in 1980; by the year 2030, these people of color will constitute 87 percent of the human family, according to UN figures. The domestic counterparts of these third world peoples also reflect growth. The 1980 U.S. Census Bureau reports that whites grew by 5.8 percent in the 1970's while blacks grew by 17.3 percent, Hispanic Americans by 61 percent, Native Americans by 71.8 percent, and Pacific and Asian Americans by 127.6 percent. A group of "others," many of whom came from Asian countries but did not fit the 1980 census definition of Pacific and Asian Americans, grew by 1,207 percent. Therefore our society increasingly reflects the diversity growing in world populations. In the meantime, whites continue to total 95 percent of The United Methodist Church.

Second, the dynamics of these rapidly growing peoples should be noted. Despite great costs and occasional setbacks, many Third World peoples around the globe are challenging the management and manipulation, the oppression and exploitation they have experienced. These peoples are participating in efforts they hope will improve their circumstances. Their resurgence

increasingly influences the course of our lives in this nation at numerous points—the racial composition of our neighborhoods, our patterns in energy consumption, standards of living, cultural expressions, religious outlook and public policies, including the federal and therefore, our family budgets.

Their descendants living within our borders promoted justice in the 1960's. Although much publicized at that point, their struggles existed for decades, if not centuries before. The history of Native Americans, blacks, Hispanics and Pacific and Asian Americans explains the need for continued struggles. Issues and needs of people are neither colorblind nor gender neutral. That is, the colorful people in this country and elsewhere, and in particular women in both cases, are regularly the most obvious subjects of issues in housing and education, employment and income, violations of human rights and much more. They therefore seek to redress "the long chain of abuses"—disruptions of their families and neighborhoods, exploitations of their lands, tarnishing of rich cultures and domination of their lives—even if at other points they may benefit from alliances with the same centers of power. They and their counterparts abroad, along with a host of others, are protesting the present consequences and the future prospects of the threatening nuclear holocaust resulting from the rivalry between super powers.

The cooperation across racial and gender lines on these justice and peace issues which affect wide segments of the human family appear elsewhere in this nation and internationally. The participation of people in improving their lot finds expression in numerous efforts, some jointly and others unfortunately competitively in far too many situations.

Third, these developments in the broader society are reflected in the church as well. That is, there is a growing diversity in the church universal, and the resurgence of diverse people hitherto unassociated in our minds with the church are creating new expressions of the faith as they address spiritual, justice and peace issues. One way to see this is to say that while we are entering the third century of our denominational history, we are living amidst the "three thirds" of the church universal. As we enter the third millennium of Christian history in the year 2000, the third world peoples will become the majority in the household of faith. Observers anticipate from these people a third church which will assume the leadership once exercised by the second church based in Europe and North America. This second church bequeathed to Christianity a global Body of Christ through its missionary outreach. The second church which dominated the second millennium of Christianity understood that role from the

first church associated with "Eastern" Orthodoxy. In the first millennium of Christianity this first church formulated the major contours of our faith, liturgy and ministry through the ecumenical councils.

A fourth observation also comes from the perspective of faith. Although every expression of efforts cited above cannot be wholly sanctioned, nor can God's actions be denied elsewhere, we nevertheless detect God continuing a creative and redemptive work in these developments.

Missional Questions.—As we seek to be missional amidst this world emerging abroad and at home, in the wider society and in the church universal, obvious questions come to mind. Can the overwhelmingly white United Methodist Church which arose within the second church recover its missional heritage and enter the emerging world with its distinct needs and opportunities? Will it participate in a dismembering of the Body of Christ comparable to the division created between the first and second church in 1054, at the beginning of the second millennium, or can it work in mutuality with the emerging leadership of the third world people at home and abroad? An avenue for mission exists in the denomination itself which can enable The United Methodist Church to enter the emerging world in a missional way reminiscent of the apostolic life of our forebears and the original missionary, Jesus himself. It appears in the ethnic minority local church. Consider the following qualities of this "priority" among the avenues of missional outreach.

Establishing Our Priority in Mission

The ethnic minority local churches represent communities which experience most directly, if not blatantly, the issues cited earlier in housing and education, employment and income, cultural outlets and social stability—whether it applies to children, youth or adults, or whether we are considering women or men. Further, their communities are among those which are more often than not the ones which register negatively the consequences of international exchanges between nations and peoples, often affecting immediate relatives, hallowed homelands and ancestral societies and cultures. Thus ethnic minority local churches depict dramatically the challenges to spiritual, justice and peace missions of the church.

In racial minority communities there is simply no other institution which has their resiliency nor offers their range of services to soul and body, individuals or communities. Ethnic minority local churches may be slow, and often weak when they finally take up a cause, but in their totality they have been the

most consistently sustaining institutions for their communities and beyond. Their organizations and ways of handling problems are often overlooked because their distinct approaches are not easily classified nor readily evaluated by the denominational standards shaped by alien or outmoded cultures. But their effectiveness is appreciated in their ways by many of their own people. We are therefore not surprised that no other organization in racial minority communities has prompted the breadth of participation and level of support as the ethnic minority local churches. To see them simply as problems and not present and future contributors betrays our racism.

The relatively fewer numbers of these ethnic minority local churches and their frequently smaller sizes can mislead us from appreciating their crucial roles for their people at home and abroad, and their potential contributions to the denomination. While they represent only 5 percent of the denomination's membership, 70 percent of the new churches in the 1981-84 quadrennium were racial minority!

Conclusion: The ethnic minority local churches represent our closest, most direct ties to spiritual, justice and peace issues at home and abroad. That they have needs is well established. What is not often recognized is that they also offer the denomination a priority among all the avenues for outreach ministry. Hence, establishing mutuality in mission and ministry between this sector and the remainder of the predominantly white denomination is critically important today. We explore means of doing so in the concrete proposals that follow.

Goal 1: Witness

Objective: Evangelization, New Congregations, and Revitalization

A. Annual Conferences, with participation by racial and ethnic minority persons and the assistance of the general program agencies, shall conduct the necessary demographic research and analysis for projecting new ethnic minority church starts.

B. General program agencies shall provide consultation, training, and support for annual conferences in all areas of ethnic minority church development.

C. Each ethnic minority local church shall develop a "Covenant of Growth" indicating its expectations in the areas of evangelism, stewardship, and community ministries with annual reporting to the Charge Conference.

D. Annual conferences and districts shall encourage and enable grassroots cooperation between ethnic minority and

predominantly white churches. Mutual study and action partnerships in mission should be recognized and affirmed.

E. General agencies, in cooperation with ethnic minority leadership and appropriate annual conference agencies, shall develop, test and implement creative models of evangelization throughout the denomination.

Goal 2: Discipleship

Objective: Training and Resourcing for Mission

A. General agencies (especially the General Board of Discipleship) shall expand and accelerate the development, production, and utilization of racial and gender inclusive materials for ethnic minority constituencies. Special efforts shall be made to increase the availability of resources in Spanish and Korean.

B. Annual Conferences, through appropriate agencies, shall design and implement more relevant lay leadership training with particular sensitivity to cultural traditions and practices of the ethnic minority group served.

C. Annual Conferences, with general agency support, shall survey the ministry needs and potential of ethnic minority youth and young adults in their areas and develop recommendations for their annual conference councils on ministries.

D. Annual Conferences and districts shall encourage and support multi-cultural and multi-racial settings for laity training.

E. The general agencies, in cooperation with ethnic caucuses, shall provide for the participation of ethnic minority laity in international settings for nurture and study. Special attention should be given to youth, young adults and women.

F. In keeping with the concern to strengthen the family, the church at every level should utilize the resources of ethnic traditions in developing family life ministries.

G. The General Council on Ministries shall enable the continuous consultation, at an interagency level, by agencies with the ethnic minority caucuses on matters affecting the development of printed, audio-visual, and other resources.

Goal 3: Liturgy

Objective: Develop Ethnic Minority Liturgical Resources

A. The General Board of Discipleship shall work with ethnic minority leaders to collect, organize, publish and distribute worship materials developed by ethnic minority persons. Workshops, seminars, and celebrative events shall be planned to introduce and promote the use of the materials.

B. The General Board of Discipleship and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry shall work cooperatively with

seminaries in developing training modules for seminary students and for continuing education events for clergy in the use of ethnic minority liturgical traditions and resources.

C. The General Board of Discipleship shall stimulate the creation of new liturgical resources by ethnic minorities by sponsoring writers' workshops, preaching seminars, and music conferences where ethnic minorities from throughout The United Methodist Church can learn, share, and support each other's creative work.

Goal 4: Outreach

Objective: Empower Ethnic Minority Local Churches to Facilitate Mission Interaction in Domestic and Global Dimensions and Foster Ecumenical Concerns

A. Annual Conferences shall assess the issues affecting ethnic minority churches and congregations, identify ethnic minority leadership, empower them and assist them in eliminating racism, poverty, and all other forms of oppression experienced by individuals and communities. Specialized ministries such as street ministries, hunger programs, counseling centers may be established where appropriate.

B. Mission interaction between the United States and Africa, Central America, South America, the Southwest border and other outposts of Christian intervention shall be effected. Boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church shall use their strength and influence to promote peaceful negotiated settlement of conflicts to be followed by a just maintenance of that peace.

C. The General Board of Church and Society shall provide consultative and legal assistance to pastors and laity involved in organizing on issues of human rights abuses.

D. General boards shall support outreach and advocacy ministries on behalf of immigrants, undocumented and refugees through ethnic minority churches. New outreach ministries shall be located through the Board of Global Ministries' Community Developers' Program. New kinds of ministries shall be developed to reach culturally diverse peoples.

Goal 5: Leadership

Objective: Enlistment and Deployment of Laymen and Women Leaders

A. The General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry shall assess the leadership needs in specific targeted areas outlined in collaboration with ethnic minoriy leaders and proceed to recruit, train, and deploy those leaders with support adequate to the needs.

B. Highest priority shall be given to leadership development, i.e., the recruitment and training of lay and clergy among ethnic minority people. Black colleges and the Hispanic, Asian, and Native American training centers shall be utilized to prepare lay and clergy leaders.

C. A special means of leadership deployment across annual conference boundaries shall be developed by appropriate agencies for the purpose of rapid deployment of leaders in "impacted" areas.

D. Ethnic minority educators shall work with the General Board of Discipleship and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to develop language and culture oriented materials for use in specialized training of lay and clergy men and women.

E. Annual Conferences shall promote the challenges and opportunities in diaconal ministries to ethnic minority constituencies. In cooperation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the ethnic minority caucuses, the Annual Conferences shall include in their enlistment counseling, scholarship, and support networks.

F. Annual Conferences shall be intentional in regard to open itinerancy. Statements of principle must be demonstrated in specific applications through the appointment system.

Goal 6: Structures

Objective: Promote Adaptations in The United Methodist Church Structures which Facilitate Mission and Ministry; Insure Adequate Ethnic Minority Representation, and Provide Equitable Access to the Processes and Benefits of The United Methodist Church.

A. The General Commission on Religion and Race shall engage its resources and offices to survey the possibility and appropriateness of national structural linkages in Hispanic, Native American, black, and Asian churches, whether on a permanent or temporary basis. Annual Conferences (bishops, cabinets) shall be made aware of the need for political equity in appointive and promotional systems.

B. The General Conference shall be petitioned to adopt enabling legislation which will permit the creation of structural units within The United Methodist Church to carry out effective ministries when factors such as language and culture dictate such a need.

C. Support structures shall be developed when it is demonstrated that they will help overcome structural bias presently affecting ethnic minority ministries in an adverse way.

D. Training events on conventional United Methodist Church structure and polity shall be held and conducted by general board personnel, and creative structuring in the various levels of the connectional system shall be encouraged when a closer purpose is demonstrated.

E. The Conference Commissions on Religion and Race shall be responsible for assuring that minority representation is accomplished in annual conference boards and agencies.

Goal 7: Facilities

Objective: Improve Existing Facilities, Comprehensive Utilization of Facilities, Plan for Future Acquisition and Use of Facilities

A. Current annual conference policies and allocations concerning the improvement and acquisition of church facilities shall be reviewed by the appropriate agencies in light of future needs and future prospects of ethnic minority ministries.

B. Each annual conference shall develop strategies for cross-cultural ministries in communities in transition, including bilingual ministries and multiple use of church buildings. Annual conferences, in cooperation with the General Board of Global Ministries, shall develop guidelines for shared facilities. Guidelines shall be published in the languages appropriate to the community being served.

C. Creative planning shall be done by the annual conferences in collaboration with the General Board of Global Ministries Department of Urban Ministries in the development of specialized facilities for urban ministries.

Implementation—Administration

Coordination—A Missional Priority Coordinating Committee shall be created by the General Council on Ministries.

The Missional Priority Coordinating Committee shall:

— coordinate the missional priority;

— receive annual reports from annual conferences and the general boards and agencies;

— evaluate the implementation of the missional priority;

— report to the General Council on Ministries annually and to the General Conference in 1988.

The Missional Priority Coordinating Committee shall be composed of the following representatives.

• General Council on Ministries (one staff and one member) 2

• General boards (one staff and one member from each of the four boards) 8

• Commissions (one staff and one member from each of the following): General Commission on Religion and Race; General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	4
• United Methodist Communications	2
• National Ethnic Minority Caucuses (two each from the four national ethnic minority caucuses)	8
• Language Conferences (one each from Oklahoma Indian Missionary, Puerto Rico, and Rio Grande)	3
• At-large (minimum-maximum)	5-7
Minimum-maximum Totals	32-34

All selections shall be made with due consideration for gender and racially inclusive representation so that the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee can itself embody mutuality in mission of the total church. The General Council on Ministries shall convene the committee no later than September 1, 1984.

Funding

Resources.—The missional priority shall be funded with a $7 million annual apportionment.

Prior claim.—There shall be a prior claim allocated for promotion through United Methodist Communications. The promotion, program, and budget shall be approved annually by the General Council on Ministries.

Distribution.—The fund will be distributed in the following way:

1. Up to 50 percent of the apportioned benevolence Missional Priority Fund shall be retained and reported by the Annual Conference for work that fulfills the purpose and theological mandate of the Missional Priority. This shall be administered by the Conference Council on Ministries in consultation with the Conference Missional Priority Committee or other appropriate body within the Conference, provided such body is representative of racial and ethnic minority persons. The criteria for submitting a proposal and its qualification for funding shall meet the criteria of this guide and adapted where necessary to the needs of the conference.

2. The balance of the Missional Priority Fund shall be transmitted to the General Council on Finance and Administration and allocated to boards and agencies as follows:

a. United Methodist Communications. For promotion of the missional priority, up to $250,000 for 1985, $200,000 in 1986, $175,000 in 1987, and $150,000 in 1988. The promotion program shall be approved annually by the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee.

b. General Boards. Of the amount remaining, the following percentages shall guide the disbursement:

• General Board of Church and Society	15%
• General Board of Discipleship	20%
• General Board of Global Ministries	45%
• General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	20%

No more than 10 percent of the Missional Priority Fund received by the general boards and agencies shall be used for administration.

3. General agencies and annual conferences will allocate all 1985-88 Missional Priority Funds by no later than April 30, 1989, for expenditure by December 31, 1989, and none of these funds shall be placed in reserves or permanent endowments.

4. All income earned from Missional Priority Funds will be considered as additional monies belonging to such Fund, and those earned will only be used for the purpose for which the fund was established.

Monitoring

Monitoring shall be provided by the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. This guide provides the criteria for evaluation of general boards and agencies. The corresponding units in the Annual Conferences and the local church shall fulfill the same function.

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(Editor's note: This minority report was adopted and referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration; for final action, see that Council's Report No. 9, pages 561-562.)

Report No. 2

Petitions: CM1050-1000, CM1053-1000, CM1054-1000, CM1066-1000, CM1088-1000, CM1089-1000, CM1092-1000- CM1098-1000, CM1101-1000, CM1106-1000, CM1107-1000, CM1108-1000, CM1109-1000, CM1111-1000- CM1136-1000, CM1139-1000, CM1140-1000, CM1141-1000, CM1143-1000- CM1153-1000, CM1156-1000, CM1158-1000, CM1161-1000, CM1169-1000- CM1172-1000, CM1180-1000, CM1188-1000, CM1241-1000

Subject: Missional Priority
Date: May 2, 1984
Membership 96; Present 89; For 60; Against 28; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 18, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petitions inconsistent with Report No. 6 from the General Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on the Missional Priority for the 1985-1988 Quadrennium 'The Church Alive: An Inclusive Church for a Just Society.'"

Report No. 3

Petitions: CM-GM1031
Subject: Study of Structure and Administrative Flexibility of the General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 85, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 21 of the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Study of Structural and Administrative Flexibility of the General Board of Global Ministries" (see pages 687-688).

Report No. 4

Petitions: CM1173
Subject: Program Overview and Categories
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 86, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 4 of the General Council on Ministries, "Recommendation to the General Program Agencies Regarding the Program Overview and Categories" (see pages 580).

Report No. 5

Petitions: CM-AD1020
Subject: Evaluation of General Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 87, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with the report of the General Council on Ministries, Report No. 59, "Report on the Evaluations of the General Agencies" (see page 697).

Report No. 6

Petitions: CM1075
Subject: Evaluation—Process and Review Functions
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 88, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence on Report No. 39 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on Evaluation —Process and Review Functions" (see page 692).

Report No. 7

Petitions: CM1083
Subject: Involvement of Annual Conferences in Evaluation of General Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 89, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 40 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Involvement of the Annual Conferences in the Evaluation of the General Agencies" (see page 692).

Report No. 8

Petitions: CM1074
Subject: Evaluation of the General Council on Ministries
Membership 96; Present 94; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 90, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence for General Council on Ministries' training for district superintendents, with special attention to needs and strength of small membership churches.

Report No. 9

Petitions: CM-DS1086
Subject: Resolution on Bicentennial Committee
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 229, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 324.

The committee recommends concurrence and receives with appreciation Report No. 11 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on the Bicentennial Committee" (see pages 649-663). This item was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for financial implementation.

Report No. 10

Petitions: CM1185
Subject: Infant Formula/Church and Economic Boycotts
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 92; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 230, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 329.

The committee recommends concurrence in Report No. 8 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution and Report from the Infant Formula Task Force" (see pages 581-612). This item was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for financial implementation.

Report No. 11

Petitions: CM-DS1097-1000
Subject: Curriculum Resources for Ethnic Minority Churches
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 82; For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 231, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence on Report No. 5 from the General Council on Ministries, "Recommendation to the General Board of Discipleship and The United Methodist Publishing House Regarding Curriculum Resources for Ethnic Minority Churches" (see page 580).

Report No. 12

Petitions: CM-DS1328
Subject: Biblical and Theological Language
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 96; Present 82; For 65; Against 14; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 232, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Page 284.

The committee recommends concurrence on Report No. 9 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution and Report on Biblical and Theological Language" (see pages 612-627).

Report No. 13

Petitions: CM-DS1089, CM-DS1090, CM-DS1121, CM-DS1130, CM-DS1131, CM-DS1136, CM-DS1137, CM-DS1139, CM-DS1140, CM-DS1144, CM-DS1148, CM-DS1152, CM-DS1155, CM-DS1156, CM-DS1162, CM-DS1164, CM-DS1169, CM-DS1171, CM-DS1173, CM-DS1184, CM-DS1186, CM-DS1188, CM-DS1190, CM-DS1191, CM-DS1193, CM-DS1196, CM-DS1202, CM-DS1210, CM-DS1211, CM-DS1217, CM-DS1218, CM-DS1221, CM-DS1224, CM-DS1229, CM-DS1231, CM-

DS1237, CM-DS1238, CM-DS1239, CM-DS1242, CM-DS1253, CM-DS1254, CM-DS1256, CM-DS1258, CM-DS1261, CM-DS1262, CM-DS1263, CM-DS1265, CM-DS1267, CM-DS1268, CM-DS1269, CM-DS1271, CM-DS1272, CM-DS1273, CM-DS1274, CM-DS1277- CM-DS1285, CM-DS1287- CM-DS1307, CM-DS1309, CM-DS1313, CM-DS1314, CM-DS1315, CM-DS1325, CM-DS1330, CM-DS1338, CM-DS1344

Subject: Biblical and Theological Language

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 96; Present 82; For 73; Against 9; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 233, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petitions listed, which are inconsistent with Report No. 9, "Resolution and Report on Biblical and Theological Language" by the General Council on Ministries' Task Force on Language Guidelines, which was approved by this committee.

Report No. 14

Petitions: CM-DS1092, CM-DS1185, CM-DS1093, CM-DS1477

Subject: Biblical and Theological Language

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 96; Present 82; For 77; Against 1; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 234, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence as they are inconsistent with Report No. 9, "Resolution and Report on Biblical and Theological Language" by The General Council on Ministries' Task Force on Language Guidelines, which was approved by the committee.

Report No. 15

Petitions: CM1094

Subject: Special Days

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 63; For 61; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 432, Referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration May 8, 1984, Journal Page 326.

The committee recommends concurrence in Report No. 18 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on Special Days" (see pages 678-681). (For final action on this report see the General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 12, pages 563-566).

Report No. 16

Petitions: CM-AD1210, CM-AD1211, CM-1203
Subject: Television/Telecommunications Ministry
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 80; For 73; Against 4; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 433, Referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration May 7, 1984, Journal Page 287.

The committee recommends concurrence on the report of United Methodist Communications, "Television/Telecommunications Ministry Equipping the Church for Ministry in the Information Age" (see pages 755-765). (For final action on this report see the General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 1, Page 529).

Report No. 17

Petitions: CM1079
Subject: General Council on Ministries Develop Spot Announcements
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 63; For 61; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 434, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with the petition to discontinue telecommunications. The committee has recommended in favor of the Television/Telecommunications Ministry in Report No. 16.

Report No. 18

Petitions: CM1183
Subject: References in the Comprehensive Communications Document—The Telecommunications Study
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 435, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in receiving Report No. 13, from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on References in the Comprehensive Communications Document" (see page 668).

Report No. 19

Petitions: CM1159
Subject: Multimedia Presentation on United Methodism
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 136, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 3, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence on petition to produce multimedia presentations on the theme "What is a United Methodist," as follows:

WHEREAS: Many individuals do not understand the strength of a connectional church, many have come to The United Methodist Church out of a congregational style church, and people receive their education through TV, newspapers, and radio, as well as in the church;

THEREFORE: We petition that the General Conference direct the General Commission on Communication to produce multimedia presentations to be available through the various information centers (such as Tidings, Cokesbury, UM Curriculum) and capable of being used in TV, radio, adult curriculum, etc., on the theme "What is a Methodist?"

Report No. 20

Petitions: CM-AD1218

Subject: Join Southern Baptists in Radio and TV Work

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 63; For 62; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 137, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee concurs in referral of this petition on joining Southern Baptists in radio and TV work to United Methodist Communications.

Report No. 21

Petitions: CMAD1217

Subject: General Conference Use TV Facilities of First UMC, Shreveport, La.

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 136, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 3, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee concurs in referral of this petition on use of facilities of the First United Methodist Church of Shreveport, La., for national and international coverage to United Methodist Communications.

Report No. 22

Petitions: CM-AD1216, CM-AD1070

Subject: Television Telecommunications Ministry

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 80; For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 439, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in these petitions, which are inconsistent with Report No. 16.

Report No. 23

Petitions: CM1182

Subject: Recommendations for Missional Priority and Special Program for 1985-88

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 440, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in receiving Report No. 30 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Development of the Recommendations for the Missional Priority and Special Programs in the 1985-1988 Quadrennium" (see page 689).

Report No. 24

Petitions: CM-FA1091, CM-CN1168, CM-AD1258, CM1167, CM1046, CM-GM1027, CM-AD1259, CM-AD1235, CM-GM1032, CM1091, CM1187, CM1214, CM1081, CM1084, CM1085, CM1166

Subject: General Council on Ministries Reports

(Membership, date, and vote not reported.—Editor.)

Calendar No. 441, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with reports from the General Council on Ministries as follows:

Report No.	Title
3	Recommendations to the General Agencies and Their Responses
19	Review of the Book of Resolutions
20	Affiliate Groups
32	Persons of Retirement Age in Membership of General Program Agencies
35	Charter for Racial Justice: A Program Guide
36	Architectural Recommendations—Solar Energy
37	Native American Self-Development
41	Women's History Project
42	1980 General Conference Motion of Reference of Unfinished Business to Council of Bishops, GCOM, GCFA
43	Mission Education

44 Research Design: Into Our Third Century
49 Training Events for District Superintendents and Conference Council Directors
52 Interagency Groups and Task Forces
53 Joint Panel on International Affairs
54 Joint Training Events
55 Periodicals

(See pages 580, 681-687, 690-694, 696-697.)

Report No. 25

Petitions: CM1164
Subject: Pan-Methodist Bicentennial
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 442, Referred to General Council on Finance and Administration May 8, 1984, Journal Page 325. (For final action on this report see General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 21, Page 578.)

The committee recommends concurrence in Report No. 51 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Pan-Methodist Bicentennial" (see page 696).

Report No. 26

Petitions: CM1175
Subject: Recommendation to the General Council on Finance and Administration re Needs of the General Program Agencies
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 443, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in Report No. 1 from the General Council on Ministries, "Recommendation to the General Council on Finance and Administration Regarding the Needs of the General Program Agencies for the Programs, Missional Priority, and Special Programs Proposed in 1985-1988" (see page 580).

Report No. 27

Petitions: CM-FA1038
Subject: Amount of the Annual World Service Allocation to Each of the General Program Agencies
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 444, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in Report No. 2 from the General Council on Ministries, "Recommendation to the General Council on Finance and Administration Regarding the Amount of the Annual World Service Allocation to Each of the General Program Agencies" (see page 580).

Report No. 28

Petitions: CM-AD1206

Subject: Task Force on Church and Television

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 63; For 50; Against 13; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 445, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 482.

The committee concurs in referral to United Methodist Communications of these 249 identical copies of a petition:

— to establish a representative task force to make available information to local churches;

— to encourage selective viewing of TV, and furnish addresses of TV programs' sponsors, and encourage United Methodists to write expressing affirmation or concern;

— to educate members in ways of becoming a responsible voice relating to quality programming;

— to encourage United Methodists in the production of quality TV programs and use of cable TV; and

— to recommend to 1988 General Conference such further response and actions deemed appropriate at that time to continue effective involvement of the church.

Report No. 29

Petitions: CM1230

Subject: Evaluation of General Agencies

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 791, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The legislative committee received and concurred in the resolution from the General Council on Ministries, "Evaluation of General Agencies":

Evaluation of General Agencies

Rationale

The proposed change in present ¶ 1006.13 of The Book of Discipline, 1980, by the General Commission on Christian Unity

and Interreligious Concerns relocates the initiative for evaluating general program agencies from the General Council on Ministries to the general program agencies.

The Structure Study Committee of 1972 clearly placed all program agencies as accountable to the General Council on Ministries. A significant part of such accountability and amenability is evaluation which is initiated and overseen by the body to which one is accountable and amenable.

While the current process for evaluation has been designed cooperatively between the General Council on Ministries and the general program agencies, to move the initiative to the general program agency erodes the clear intention of the original proposal, which position has been reaffirmed by the General Conferences of 1976 and 1980.

Petition

The General Council on Ministries petitions the 1984 General Conference to retain the wording of ¶ 1006.13 of The Book of Discipline, 1980, which reads:

¶ 1006.13. To review and evaluate the effectiveness of the general program agencies in performing the ministries assigned to them (see ¶ 802).

Report No. 30

Petitions: CM1186
Subject: Report of the General Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 792, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The legislative committee read, received and concurred in the quadrennial report of the General Council on Ministries as printed in the Advance Edition of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages J3-J13.

Report No. 31

Petitions: CM1017
Subject: Conference Council Director as Member of Cabinet
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 70; For 55; Against 12; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 793, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in the petition to place conference council director as a member of the Cabinet, with permissive language to be present during appointment-making sessions.

Report No. 32

Petitions: CM1217
Subject: Purpose of General Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 794, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in rewriting the purpose statement of the General Council on Ministries. Delete the present ¶ 1004, which now reads:

¶ 1004. Purpose.—The General Council on Ministries exists to facilitate the fulfillment of the objectives of mission and the program-related policies of the General Conference.

Substitute a new ¶ 1004 to read as follows:

¶ 1004. Purpose.—The purpose of the council, as a part of the total mission of the church, is to facilitate the church's program life as determined by the General Conference. The council's task is to encourage, coordinate, and support the general agencies as they serve on behalf of the denomination.

Report No. 33

Petitions: CM1237
Subject: Composition of General Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 60; For 56; Against 3; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 795, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in the petition to ensure representation of older adults on the membership of the General Council on Ministries. The petition recommends that there be one clergy member, one lay man member and one lay woman member over 65 years of age, as follows:

We recommend that Paragraph 1007.1 of the 1980 *Book of Discipline* be amended by the addition of a new subsection to ensure representation of older adults on the General Council on Ministries. Paragraph 1007.1 relates to the membership of the General Council on Ministries. The amendment would add a new part "d" and would move the current parts "d" through "g" to parts "e" through "h".

The new part "d" would read as follows:

d) In order to ensure representation of older adults, it is recommended that at least one clergy member, one lay man member, and one lay woman member be over sixty-five years of age.

Report No. 34

Petitions: CM1195, CM1227
Subject: Study Efficiency of General Board Staffs
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 796, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to these petitions for a study of the efficiency of general board staffs.

Report No. 35

Petitions: CM1061, CM1062
Subject: Establish a General Study Committee
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 797, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in these petitions to establish a study of the general agencies of the church by the General Council on Ministries. Evaluation by the General Council on Ministries is an ongoing process.

Report No. 36

Petitions: CM-CS1636
Subject: Africa Special Program
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 40; Against 4; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 798, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee voted nonconcurrence in that it had previously determined to have no special programs in addition to the missional priority.

Report No. 37

Petitions: CM1160
Subject: National Strategy for New Church Development
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 49; Against 4; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 799, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 335.

The committee recommends concurrence in Report No. 31 of the General Council on Ministries, "Report on a National Strategy for New Church Development" (see page 689). The committee wishes to highlight under objectives the need for $10,000,000 for a vital church development program.

Report No. 38

Petitions: CM1219
Subject: Sunset Review Legislation
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 38; Against 2; Not Voting 8.
Calendar No. 800, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition to regularly and systematically review the programs and the existence of boards and agencies every six years.

Report No. 39

Petitions: CM1022
Subject: Scouting Coordinator
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 801, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in the petition to enter into the *Book of Discipline* the position of Scouting Coordinator.

Report No. 40

Petitions: CM1073
Subject: Ethnic Minority Task Force
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 40; Against 4; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 802, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee votes nonconcurrence, since the financial asking of $50,000 annually would be too exorbitant to create additional task forces for every ethnic minority group related to the Commission on Religion and Race.

Report No. 41

Petitions: CM1225
Subject: Evaluation and Training of District Superintendents
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 803, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The legislative committee received and voted concurrence on the resolution from the General Council on Ministries, "Evaluation and Training of District Superintendents":

Evaluation and Training of District Superintendents

Rationale

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is proposing to amend ¶ 1006.12. The effect of this amendment is to involve the Division of Ordained Ministry in the evaluation and training of district superintendents.

The office of the district superintendency is an extension of the office of the episcopacy and, as a consequence, serves on behalf of the entire Church.

It is appropriately the task of the bishops to establish the procedures for the evaluation of the performance of the district superintendents or to request, at their discretion, the agency or agencies from which to seek guidance and counsel.

The General Council on Ministries is established as the agency to represent and serve the total program concerns of the denomination.

The General Council on Ministries believes that it is inappropriate for one division of one board only to be directly involved in the planning and administration of the training event for the district superintendents.

Petition

The General Council on Ministries petitions the 1984 General Conference to retain the present wording of ¶ 1006.12 of the 1980 Book of Discipline which reads:

¶ 1006.12. To provide for the training of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries directors and to cooperate with the Council of Bishops in providing training for the district superintendents.

Report No. 42

Petitions: CM1082

Subject: Interpreter Study

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 804, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 56 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the *Interpreter* Study" (see page 697).

Report No. 43

Petitions: CM1222

Subject: United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women as Independent Voluntary Agencies

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 74; For 72; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 805, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in a petition to place the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women in direct relationship to the General Council on Ministries rather than with program boards to which they have traditionally related.

Report No. 44

Petitions: CM1236
Subject: Organization of General Council on Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 806, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee concurs in petition reorganizing the General Council on Ministries as follows:

Amend present ¶1007.1a)(2) as follows:

(2) A bishop from each jurisdiction and one bishop from the Central Conferences selected by the Council of Bishops (see ¶810.10);

Amend present ¶1007.1a)(6) as follows:

(6) Fifteen **additional** members *at large* to be elected by the council;

Amend present ¶1007.1a)(7) with the following addition:

(7) Three persons from Central Conferences, **one clergy, one laywoman, one layman,** and one alternate for each (who may attend if the elected member for whom he/she is the alternate cannot attend) nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Council on Ministries.

Amend present ¶1007.1c) as follows:

c) Of the **additional** members *at large*, elected by the council, in order to ensure that one-fourth of the council's membership may represent racial and ethnic minorities, it is recommended that there shall be not less than two representatives from each of the following groups: Asian Americans, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans. (The council shall receive nominations from the racial and ethnic caucuses and ethnic Annual Conferences of these respective groups prior to the report of their nominating committee.) Insofar as possible, these **additional** members *at large* should be one-third laywomen, one-third laymen, and one-third clergy, with special attention to the inclusion of at least one clergywoman from each jurisdiction.

Amend present ¶1007.1e) as follows:

e) When the committee selected to nominate the *at large* **additional** members of the General Council on Ministries meets prior to the organizational meeting, it shall determine the number of persons nominated by the Annual Conferences and elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences who were members of the council the previous quadrennium. If the number is less than twenty, the Nominating Committee shall nominate enough persons from the eligible membership of the council in the previous quadrennium to bring this number to twenty. These persons shall be in addition to the fifteen **additional** members *at large*.

Amend ¶1007.2 as follows:

2. Meetings.—Before the end of the calendar year in which regular sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences are held, all persons who have been elected to membership on the council, **including additional members nominated,** shall be convened by an active bishop designated by the president of the Council of Bishops for the purpose of organizing.

The council shall meet at least once during each calendar year. It may meet in special session or at other times upon the call of the president or upon the written request of one-fifth of its members.

Amend present ¶1007.5d) as follows:

d) Administering Agencies.—Agencies authorized to recommend projects and receive and administer funds for general Advance special projects shall be the World, National, and United Methodist Committee on Relief Divisions of the General Board of Global Ministries, and such other agencies as are designated by the General Council on Ministries. The administering agencies shall report annually to the Advance Committee on the financial progress of projects and assist in providing programmatic information as requested.

No project within the boundaries of an Annual Conference shall be approved by the Advance Committee for promotion, cultivation, and administration as an Advance mission special without consultation with the Annual Conference **Council on Ministries and the** board or agency delegated responsibility for missions by the Annual Conference.

Add a new ¶ 1007.6, as shown below, and renumber present ¶1007.6 as 1007.7.

6. World Service Special Gifts Committee.—a) There shall be a World Service Special Gifts Committee within the council to give administrative oversight to the World Service Special gifts program, including establishing the procedure and

criteria for approving specific projects, providing for staff administration of the program, and assuring program accountability to the council by the administering agencies. The council shall make provisions for the General Council on Finance and Administration to have representation with voice and vote in the committee. Representation from the administering agencies shall be provided with voice but not vote. Any costs related to such representation shall be borne by the respective agencies.

b) In the World Service Special gifts program, it shall be the responsibility of the General Council on Ministries to determine which projects are approved to receive World Service Special gifts (¶ 912) under guidelines approved by the General Conference.

(1) All general boards and commissions except those units of general agencies authorized to receive general Advance special gifts are authorized to recommend World Service Special gift projects for approval by the council, provided the project is specifically related to one or more of the disciplinary functions of the recommending agency.

(2) The participating agencies shall report annually to the council on the financial progress of World Service Special gift projects and assist in providing programmatic information as requested.

(3) No World Service Special gift project within the boundaries of an Annual Conference shall be approved by the council without consultation with the director of the annual conference Council on Ministries.

Report No. 45

Petitions: CM1221

Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 807, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence as follows:

Amend present ¶1006.2c) with the following deletion and addition:

c) The General Council on Ministries, *taking into consideration program priorities* **after reviewing both the program priorities** and the total funds available to the general program agencies, shall recommend to the General Council on Finance and Administration the amount of the annual World Service allocation to each of these agencies, within the total sum proposed by the

General Council on Finance and Administration for distribution among such agencies.

Amend present ¶1006.9 as follows:

9. To consult with the general program agencies, *Standing* General Commission on Communication, and the president and publisher of The United Methodist Publishing House with regard to their publishing and communication policies in order to avoid unnecessary overlapping and duplication.

Amend present ¶1006.10 to provide grammatical consistency throughout the subsections and to create new subsections **c)** and **d)** out of portions of present subsection b). New ¶1006.10 would read as follows:

10. To resolve any overlapping in structure or functions or lack of cooperation among the general program agencies by:

a) *Coordination of any* **coordinating** interagency programs where two or more general program agencies are involved, unless otherwise specified by the General Conference; *and*

b) approving the creation of any ongoing interagency committee or task force; *The council shall receive reports and recommendations from them and shall have the privilege of appointing observers to attend the meetings of any interagency group, including those that are part of the structure of program agencies.*

c) receiving reports and recommendations from such committees or task forces; and

d) appointing, when appropriate, observers to attend the meetings of any interagency group, including those that are part of the structure of program agencies.

In present ¶1006.15 amend the last sentence as follows:

The general secretary of each general program agency that is accountable to the General Council on Ministries shall be elected annually by ballot of the General Council on Ministries upon the nomination of the agency involved. Any general secretary of a general program agency who has not been elected by the General Council on Ministries shall not serve in such capacity beyond the end of that calendar year. Each program *board* **agency** shall elect annually by ballot its **deputy and** associate general secretary(ies) and may elect or appoint such other staff as may be necessary.

Amend present ¶1006.16 as follows:

16. To give leadership to and participate in planning and research for The United Methodist Church, thereby helping all levels of the Church to evaluate needs, set goals, and plan strategy; to coordinate planning and research for the denomination in cooperation with the general program agencies of The United Methodist Church; and maintain a *depository* **list of**

research and planning documents received from the general program agencies and the Annual Conferences.

Amend present ¶1006.17 by inserting the following:

17. To determine the need and develop plans for **theme,** missional priorities and/or special programs for the ministry of the Church for any particular quadrennium and, after consultation with the Council of Bishops, to recommend them to the General Conference for consideration.

Amend present ¶1006 by inserting a new ¶1006.20 and renumbering the subsequent sections as follows:

20. To review, with the program agencies, all valid resolutions and positions adopted by the General Conference, and recommend to the General Conference the removal of time-dated materials.

Renumber present ¶1006.20 and 21.

Amend present ¶1006 by adding a new ¶1006.22 and renumbering present ¶1006.23:

22. To organize the World Service Special Gifts Committee which shall have general oversight of the World Service Special gifts program.

Report No. 46

Petitions: CM1012

Subject: Annual Conference Council on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 808, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The petition, as amended, on the purpose of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries received a concurrence vote, to read as follows:

Delete present ¶717.1 in its entirety which now reads: *"The purpose of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries shall be (a) to receive program recommendations from the local churches, the district agencies, the Annual Conference agencies, and the Jurisdictional and General Councils on Ministries; (b) to develop these recommendations into a coordinate program to be recommended to the Annual Conference for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Annual Conference program; and (c) to provide implementation for and administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the Conference.*

In its place insert the following so that new ¶717.1 would read as follows:

¶ 717.1. Purpose. **The purpose of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries, as part of the total mission of the**

church, is to facilitate the church's program life in the Annual Conference. The council's task is to be responsible for the development and administration of the program of the Annual Conference and to encourage, coordinate, and support the conference agencies, districts, and local churches in their ministry and various programs.

In present ¶717.2 insert the third paragraph to be the second paragraph and amend so that new ¶717.2 would read:

2. Membership.—The membership of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries shall consist of the presiding bishop, the district superintendents; representatives of conference agencies as determined by the Conference; the conference secretary; the area or conference superintendent or director of parish development; two representatives of the conference youth organization; two representatives of the conference United Methodist Women, one of whom shall be the president; two representatives of the conference United Methodist Men, one of whom shall be the president; two young adults; the conference lay leader; one lay person from each district; chairpersons of age-level and family departments; and such additional members as the Annual Conference may determine.

The person or persons serving as members of the General Council on Ministries shall be member(s) of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries as full voting member(s).

The following shall be members of the council without vote: salaried and volunteer Annual Conference staff, the conference treasurer, and one or more members of the Council on Finance and Administration.

Amend present ¶717.4 by adding the words **conference lay leader** and reordering the reference to the Conference Personnel Committee. New ¶717.4 will read as follows:

¶ 717.4. Executive Committee.—There may be an executive committee *which also may serve as the Personnel Committee of the Conference Council on Ministries* consisting of the officers, the bishop, at least one district superintendent chosen by the Cabinet, **the conference lay leader,** the director of the council, the elected representative of the General Council on Ministries, and other members as the council may determine. Approximately one-half of the members of the executive committee shall be lay persons.

The executive committee may also serve as the Personnel Committee of the Conference Council on Ministries.

Amend present ¶717.7a) with the following deletion and additions:

a) Director.—The council shall elect, upon nomination by the Cabinet, in consultation with the Personnel Committee of the council or its equivalent, an executive officer to be known as the conference council director. The director shall be *in a consultative relationship to the conference Cabinet on* **present when the Cabinet considers** matters relating to coordination, implementation, and administration of the conference program, and other matters as the Cabinet and director may determine. The director shall not be present during the Cabinet discussions on matters related to the making of appointments. **A limit to the term of service for the director may be set by the Annual Conference.**

Add a new statement to the end of present ¶717.8 as follows:

8. Staff.—All Annual Conference council staff may be employed by, directed by, and amenable to the Annual Conference Council on Ministries. Insofar as possible, employees of the Conference shall include women and minorities, lay and clergy, at every level. Ordained ministers on the staff are subject to being appointed by the presiding bishop **in consultation with the Personnel Committee of the council or its equivalent. A limit to the term of service for the council staff may be set by the Annual Conference.**

Amend present ¶717.9a) as follows:

a) Between sessions of the Annual Conference, all Annual Conference program agencies shall cooperate with and be amenable, *between sessions of the Annual Conference*, to the Council on Ministries of the Annual Conference in matters relating to the development, implementation, and administration of the program.

In present ¶717.10 the following represents a consolidation and reordering of the responsibilities of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries. Delete present ¶ 717.10a)-p) in its entirety as follows:

10. Responsibilities.—The responsibilities of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries are:

a) To study the mission of the Annual Conference and the local churches of the Conference and to determine program emphases which will assist the Conference and the local churches to perform their mission.

b) To describe, coordinate, and organize opportunities to serve within the mission.

c) To receive program recommendations from the local churches, the district and Annual Conference agencies, and the Jurisdictional and General Councils on Ministries; to evaluate these recommendations; and to formulate a coordinated confer-

ence program to be presented to the Annual Conference for consideration.

d) To provide for implementation and administration of the program adopted by the Conference.

e) To provide program resources and assistance in program planning and implementation for local churches.

f) To provide staff personnel for implementing and administering the conference program.

g) To promote principles of good communication within the Conference; to provide two-way channels of communications among Annual Conference agencies, district Councils on Ministries, and local churches; to lead the Conference in making creative use of communications and opportunities offered by modern mass media, including conference and general church periodicals and resources, and to offer counsel in public relations and conduct public relations activities for the Conference.

h) To provide communications training opportunities for leaders in the Annual Conference and the local churches.

i) To interpret the programs of the general Church and the Annual Conference to the local churches and to promote all general and conference benevolent causes in cooperation with the Standing General Commission on Communication.

j) To give leadership in research and planning for the Conference and to cooperate with other research and planning agencies.

k) To cooperate in ecumenical projects and events which have been approved by the Conference.

l) To study and coordinate the budget askings of the Conference agencies as they relate to the Conference programs and to make recommendations regarding the same to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

m) To interpret the conference program to the local churches with a view toward gaining the financial support needed in order to implement that program.

n) To provide for relationships with the media within the Conference, including newspapers, radio and television; take initiative in television programming at the conference level and give counsel to districts and local churches concerning television, utilizing the resources of the General Commission on Communication; provide for the use of videotape or videodisc within the conference; perform public relations functions for the Conference and assist in the public relations of agencies and institutions of the Conference.

o) To provide guidance and training for district leaders and

groups to support their various tasks with local churches and in their district and/or Annual Conference responsibilities.

p) To inform the general program agencies of the names of these Annual Conference agencies that provide for program responsibilities related to the objectives and scope of the general program agencies.

Substitute new ¶717.10 as shown below:

10. Responsibilities.—The responsibilities of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries are:

a) To describe, coordinate and organize opportunities to respond to the missional priority, should any be adopted by the General Conference.

b) To assist the Annual Conference and local churches in discovering their mission and to determine program emphases which will enable them to fulfill their mission.

c) To receive program recommendations from the local churches, the district and Annual Conference agencies, and the Jurisdictional and General Council on Ministries; to evaluate these recommendations; and to formulate a coordinated conference program to be presented to the Annual Conference for consideration.

d) To provide staff personnel and necessary resources for the implementation and administration of the program adopted by the conference.

e) To receive and coordinate the budget askings of all conference program agencies and to determine priorities to make budget recommendations to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

f) To cooperate in ecumenical projects and events which have been approved by the Annual Conference.

g) To interpret the programs of the general church, the Jurisdiction or Central Conference, and the Annual Conference to the local churches; and to promote all General and Annual Conference benevolences.

h) To provide two-way channels of communication among Annual Conference agencies, District Councils on Ministries, and local churches.

i) To provide for relationships with all news media within the conference; to lead the conference in making creative use of television and telecommunication ministries; to provide training in communication; and to perform public relations functions for the conference.

j) To give leadership in research and planning for the Annual Conference.

k) To provide guidance and training for district and/or local church leaders.

l) To provide linkage with general program agencies and provide names of Annual Conference agencies and persons who carry program responsibilities related to each general program agency.

Report No. 47

Petitions: CM1243
Subject: The Episcopal Address and the Laity Address
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 40; Against 4; Not voting 4.
Calendar No. 809, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee concurred with comment that the Episcopal Address and the Laity Address are informational and motivational and should be referred to boards and agencies. The omission of the mention of the concern of racism was noted with regret.

Report No. 48

Petitions: CM1201, CM1202
Subject: Study on Representation and Election Procedures
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 42; Against 9; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 810, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in these petitions requesting that the General Council on Ministries study the election procedures with the primary purpose of ensuring greater theological and philosophical diversity of members on our agencies.

Report No. 49

Petitions: CM-CS1833
Subject: Task Force on Economic Concerns
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 51; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 811, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition requesting the General Conference to instruct the General Council on Ministries to convene a task force on economic concerns to which resolutions on economic justice, common heritage and hunger would be referred.

Report No. 50

Petitions: CM1060

Subject: Effect of Remuneration on Itinerant Ministry

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 49; Against 5; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 812, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends referral of this petition to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Report No. 51

Petitions: CM1043

Subject: Affirmation of Native American Cultures

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 53; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 813, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in this petition as amended, declaring that Native American cultures be affirmed as follows:

The committee recommends that the General Conference declare that Native American cultures shall be honored and respected as proper vehicles for the propagation of the gospel among Native American peoples. This petition is to be referred to the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Discipleship.

Report No. 52

Petitions: CM-LC1023, CM-LC1335, CM-LC1337, CM1002, CM1003, CM1006, CM1044, CM1059, CM1068, CM1069, CM1181, CM1224, CM1231

Subject: Special Sundays

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 48; For 40; Against 4; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 814, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee votes nonconcurrence on the following special Sundays proposed in the above-mentioned petitions:

Children's Day
Rural Life
Drug and Alcohol Concern Sunday
Aldersgate Sunday
Regular date for Easter
Agricultural Appreciation Sunday

Report No. 53

Petitions: CM1008, CM1037, CM1005

Subject: Promotion of Human Relations Day Funds

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 48; For 38; Against 6; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 815, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The above petitions were voted inconsistent with the legislative committee's support of human relations day offering distribution. The committee, therefore, votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 54

Petitions: CM1165

Subject: Peace, Justice and Christian Obedience A United Methodist Creed

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 816, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends concurrence in this petition requesting the General Board of Discipleship, in consultation with the General Board of Church and Society, to write worship materials around the theme, "Peace, Justice and Christian Obedience."

Report No. 55

Petitions: CM1064

Subject: Establish Commission on Mission of The United Methodist Church

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 49; For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 817, Adopted May 8, 1984, Journal Page 302.

The committee recommends concurrence in the petition, as amended, requesting the General Conference to establish a Commission on the Mission of The United Methodist Church, as stated below:

The various churches now comprising The United Methodist Church were organized in mission and for mission. Their structures and disciplines were instruments of mission. That mission was at first to bring Christ to the expanding frontier and the frontier to Christ. The goals were at once personal salvation and social transformation. As these churches extended across the continent they added mission to poor and exploited people suffering from the industrial revolution, and these churches expanded their horizons to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Down to World War II this missional vision and commitment

gave basic unity of purpose to the churches. Their structures reflected this missional understanding.

Since that time our church has continued to engage in many valid and valuable missional activities, but it has lost the unifying vision which alone could clarify the relations among them. Local congregations have ceased to define themselves in terms of participation in the united mission of the church and have come more and more to see *themselves* as the object of the church's mission. Structures established to enable congregations to share effectively in common mission are now oriented to the service of the congregations as each determines its mission for itself.

If the need for mission to the world had declined, this turning inward of the church might be acceptable. But the interconnected problems of widespread religious ignorance, confusion, and indifference; self-destructive habits and life styles; violent crime; decay of the family; renewed tribalism and nationalism; hunger, enviromental destruction; exhaustion of resources; racism, sexism; economic exploitation and decline; political oppression and war; and the threat of nuclear holocaust all call for the healing and renewing word of the gospel as never before. Christ calls the church to new visions and new initiatives for the sake of the world God loves.

The renewal of missional life is not impossible. Missional habits of mind and basic convictions are still strong. But renewal requires the conviction that the church had accurately identified Christ's call for our third century. Such accuracy requires rigorous analysis of the situation (personal, social, national, and global), a convincing picture of a preferable future or the direction in which it is to be sought, and a realistic proposal for relevant mission in the light of the particular capacities and limitations of The United Methodist Church. This would serve to clarify the relation of the direct participation of congregations in mission and their support of the denominational mission through the connectional system. It would give needed direction to the boards and agencies of the church and a basis for establishing priorities and critically evaluating achievements. As we enter the third century of our church's life, we consider this issue to be crucial for every aspect of the church's life.

We, therefore, petition the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church to establish a special Commission on the Mission of The United Methodist Church. Members of this task force will be set by the General Council on Ministries and the Council of Bishops after the General Council on Ministries consults with the four programs boards and United Methodist theological schools in order to have an inclusive body. Member-

ship shall include participation from a Central Conference mission-receiving church. There will be at least four lay and four clergy from local churches. The final report of the task force would be given at the 1988 General Conference. The task force will be funded by World Service Contingency funds, with a budget mutually agreed upon by the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration. The item is referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration (see page 578.)

Report No. 56

Petitions: CM1180
Subject: Reaffirm Commitment to Celebrate Kingdomtide
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 40; Against 3; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 818, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in reinstating Kingdomtide, as the committee feels the seasons of the year are more comprehensively addressed in another legislative committee.

Report No. 57

Petitions: CM1007
Subject: Limited Number of Special Days
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 40; Against 4; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 819, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since the petition is inconsistent with previous action on special days.

Report No. 58

Petitions: CM1192, CM1193
Subject: Southwest Border Continuing Coordinating Committee
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 820, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in the Commission on Religion and Race petition on Southwest Border Continuing Coordinating Committee:

Whereas, the Southwest Border Continuing Coordinating Committee provides comprehensive coordination and implemen-

tation of programs and ministries of The United Methodist Church along the Southwest Border,

We Petition the 1984 General Conference to urge annual conferences located in the Southwest Border geographical area to be more intentional in their work with the Southwest Border Continuing Coordinating Committee in the development of comprehensive programs to minister to the ongoing needs of that area.

Report No. 59

Petitions: CM-CS1824
Subject: Study of Homosexuality
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 49; Against 3; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 851, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition to study the issue of homosexuality and the church's sanction of the union of Christian homosexuals.

Report No. 60

Petitions: CM1048
Subject: Churchwide Study on Homophobia
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 69; Against 19; Not Voting 6.
Calendar No. 852, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on a petition that each conference set up churchwide studies on homophobia.

Report No. 61

Petitions: CM1209
Subject: Formation of a Task Force to Review Policies Toward Lesbians and Gays
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 76; For 48; Against 25; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 853, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with the petition to form a task force by the General Council on Ministries to review the denomination's policies and practices toward lesbians/gay men at all levels of the church's life and to examine the foundations for the same.

Report No. 62

Petitions: CM1010
Subject: Membership Annual Conference Council on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 43; Against 7; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 854, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The legislative committee voted concurrence as amended on the following petition:

In ¶717.2, amend by additions as shown in bold-face type:

¶717.2. Membership. The membership of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries shall consist of the presiding bishop; the district superintendents; **representatives of conference agencies and commissions described in ¶¶728, 729, 730;** representatives of **other** conference agencies as determined by the **annual** conference; the conference secretary; the area or conference superintendent or director of parish development; two representatives of the conference youth organization; two representatives of the conference United Methodist Women, one of whom shall be the president; two representatives of the conference United Methodist Men, one of whom shall be the president; two young adults, the conference lay leader; one layperson from each district; chairperson of age-level and family departments, and such additional members as the Annual Conference may determine. The remainder of ¶717.2 is unchanged.

Report No. 63

Petitions: CM1033
Subject: Composition of District Council on Ministries
Date: (not reported)
Membership 96; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 855, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition to provide for District Town/Country and Urban Committees on the district level for the areas of Town and Country Ministry and Urban Ministry.

Report No. 64

Petitions: CM1223
Subject: Assist in Development of Congregations of Deaf Persons
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 856, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in this petition as amended, to read as follows:

Whereas, the ministry with deaf and hearing impaired persons has increased over the past few years, and new ministries and deaf congregations have started in various parts of the country; and

Whereas, due to the epidemic of rubella in 1963-64 large numbers of young deaf adults are reaching adult age; and

Whereas, there are special needs in deaf ministries, including overcoming barriers of language, the training of interpreters, and educating local churches and conferences on these special needs; and

Whereas, the cost of educating deaf persons for ordained ministry is highly increased due to the need for sign language interpreters in the seminaries; and

Whereas, the emerging congregations of deaf persons have a marked need for recruiting and training pastors;

Therefore, be it resolved that the general church commend the General Board of Global Ministries for its work in ministry with deaf persons, and encourage the General Council on Ministries and the General Board of Discipleship to continue the development of ministries with deaf persons throughout The United Methodist Church, including: evangelism, recruitment, training of pastors, establishment of local churches, and increased support of hearing churches with existing deaf ministries, and education and support of older people in all of our churches who are experiencing a hearing loss.

Report No. 65

Petitions: CM1047, CM1076
Subject: Issues for Study
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 857, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in these petitions requesting certain issues be studied by The United Methodist Church.

Report No. 66

Petitions: CM1189
Subject: "The Future That Can Be"
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 860, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in receiving Report No. 7 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on 'The Future That Can Be' " (see page 581).

Report No. 67

Petitions: CM1045, CM1052

Subject: Prison Ministry/Alcohol and Drugs Concerns as High Priority

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 859, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends concurrence in these petitions as amended to read as follows:

Prison Ministry and Prison Reform

Whereas, the gospel clearly mandates ministry to those in prison as a mark of the authentic church; and

Whereas, the church is called to be Good News to sinners and a redemptive fellowship in the world; and

Whereas, the need for prison and jail ministry, alternatives to prison, and prison reform is evident; and

Whereas, prison ministry and prison reform provide a great challenge of new opportunities for the ministry of the laity and growing discipleship in the church; and

Whereas, The United Methodist Church, with its connectional structure, has great potential for organizing, resourcing, and promoting a comprehensive ministry as a denomination and through chosen ecumenical channels;

Therefore, be it resolved that a comprehensive plan for prison ministry and prison reform be coordinated through the General Council on Ministries, including participation of the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society; further, that this plan be implemented when formulated. The plan and the work in progress will be reported to the 1988 General Conference.

Alcohol and Drug Concerns

Whereas, drug and alcohol use and abuse constitute one of the major individual and social problems in the world today with alcohol the major drug in use; and

Whereas, there is currently no effective program to address this concern coming from the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church;

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Conference request the General Board of Church and Society to make alcohol and drug concerns a high priority for program and funding, making changes in internal structure, if necessary, to implement the priority.

Report No. 68

Petitions: CM1080
Subject: Goal of Doubling Membership
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 49; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 879, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition to adopt a goal of doubling membership in churches from 10 million to 20 million by the year 1990. (Editor's note: See Committee on Discipleship Report No. 85, pages 1165-1167 for a different action. Because that report received floor action, it takes precedence over this report.)

Report No. 69

Petitions: CM-DS1316
Subject: Oppose Term "Chairperson"
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 51; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 880, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition requesting The United Methodist Church to alter the use of the term "chairperson" to "chair."

Report No. 70

Petitions: CM-FA1109
Subject: World Service Special Gifts, 1985-88
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 881, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 47 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on World Service Special Gifts 1985-1988" (see page 694).

Report No. 71

Petitions: CM1212, CM1240
Subject: The Advance Committee

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 882, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 45 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Advance" (see page 694), and the Advance Committee Report (see *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition J, pages J14-J15).

Report No. 72

Petitions: CM1219, CM1229, AD-CM1071, AD-CM1087
Subject: Television and Telecommunications Ministry
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 883, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee votes nonconcurrence on the above petitions requesting funding for television and telecommunication, since the matter has been covered in the Telecommunications report.

Report No. 73

Petitions: CM-CS1775
Subject: Preparation for Marriage and Homelife
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 53; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 884, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition to establish an agency to study the dissolution of the Christian family and to prepare guidelines for church life in helping couples prepare for marriage and support the permanence of marriage and Christian home life. This area of work is done by the General Board of Church and Society.

Report No. 74

Petitions: CM1191, CM1102, CM1038, CM1039, CM1040, CM1041, CM1042, CM1056
Subject: Missional Priority/Special Programs, 1981-84
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 44; Against 0; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 885, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in receipt of the following reports from the General Council on Ministries concerning the 1981-1984 Missional Priority and Special Programs:

Report No.	Title
22	Report on the Continuing Study of Significant Issues Confronting The United Methodist Church in the 1981-1984 Quadrennium
24	Report on the Missional Priority of the 1981-1984 Quadrennium on Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church
25	Report on the 1981-1984 Special Program on Africa
26	Report on the 1981-1984 Special Program on Church and Campus—An Essential Evangelism
27	Report on the 1981-1984 Special Program on Peace with Justice
28	Report on the 1981-1984 Special Program on Strengthening the Local Church for Its Evangelistic Mission in the World
29	Report on the 1981-1984 Special Program on World Hunger
34	Report on the Cultivation and Promotion of Human Relations Day

(Editor's note: The full text of these reports as received by the General Conference may be found in Advance Edition D of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages D91-D92, D93-D101, D111-D112.)

Report No. 75

Petitions: CM1019, CM1099, CM1100, CM1103, CM1110, CM1235, FA-CS1864, CM-FA1057, CM-FA-1230

Subject: Missional Priority/Special Programs

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 53; For 50; Against 1; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 886, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in above-listed petitions dealing with missional priority/special programs as the matter has been dealt with in another petition.

Report No. 76

Petitions: CM1157

Subject: Missional Priority/Special Programs

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 887, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in Resolution No. 11 from the General Board of Church and Society, "A Recommendation on a 1985-1988 Missional Priority/Special Programs." (Editor's note: The text of the recommendation to which this report refers was printed in Advance Edition H of the 1984 *Daily Christian Advocate*, page H25.)

Report No. 77

Petitions: CM1194
Subject: Special Programs for the 1985-88 Quadrennium
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 96; For 87; Against 5; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 888, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 353.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 17 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on Special Programs for the 1985-1988 Quadrennium" (see page 678).

Report No. 78

Petitions: CM1072
Subject: Ethnic Minority Awareness in Town and Country Settings
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 53; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 889, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition requesting that the General Conference promote and implement policy for communication between ethnic minority local churches and town and country churches. The committee, however, encourages areas which are working on minority awareness in town and country settings.

Report No. 79

Petitions: CM1178
Subject: Publication of Ethnic Minority Resources
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 890, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence on petition to continue the publication of ethnic minority resources literature and other material as submitted by the Commission on Religion and Race:

Whereas, United Methodism is a racially and ethnically diverse constituency; and

Whereas, publications, literature, and curriculum material should reflect this diversity,

We Petition the 1984 General Conference to request general boards and agencies and United Methodist publications to continue the publication of ethnic minority resources, literature, and other material.

Report No. 80

Petitions: CM1222

Subject: Training for District Superintendents

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 891, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence, since this is inconsistent with the petition from the General Council on Ministries, "Evaluation and Training of District Superintendents," which was approved by the committee.

Report No. 81

Petitions: CM1013, CM1011, CM1021

Subject: General Council on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 892, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Page 401, 502.

These petitions dealing with responsibilities and composition of the General Council on Ministries were voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 82

Petitions: CM1014, CM1015

Subject: Composition of General Council on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 893, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

Nonconcurrence. This matter was dealt with in another petition.

Report No. 83

Petitions: CM1016

Subject: Composition of Conference Council on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 46; Against 6; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 894, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 469.

The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence on the petition to add the district lay leader and one additional layperson from each district to the Conference Council on Ministries.

Report No. 84

Petitions: CM-AD1085
Subject: Study of General Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 895, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition requesting the General Council on Ministries conduct a study of the general agencies.

Report No. 85

Petitions: CM-GM1026
Subject: Establish Study Commission on the General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 896, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition requesting General Conference to appoint a commission to formulate a missional statement and to recommend structural reorganization of the church.

Report No. 86

Petitions: CM1200
Subject: Study of the Size of General Agencies
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 897, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 48 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Study of the Size of the General Agencies" (see pages 695-696).

Report No. 87

Petitions: CM-FA1040
Subject: Apportionment for New Churches
Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 898, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in this petition to apportion local United Methodist churches $250 a year for the purpose of developing or extending new congregations.

Report No. 88

Petitions: CM1078
Subject: General Council on Ministries to Reduce Expenditures, Curb Expansion and Administrative Activity
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 57; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 899, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in the petition directing the General Council on Ministries to take steps to reduce expenditures.

Report No. 89

Petitions: CM1208, CM1234
Subject: Task Force on Older Adult Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 74; For 66; Against 6; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 900, Adopted May 9, 1984, Journal Page 370.

Concur as amended so that the resolution will read as follows:

WHEREAS, older adults constitute the fastest growing age group within The United Methodist Church in the United States of America and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, census estimates are that the percentage of the U.S. population over 65 years of age will increase from 11.3 percent to 21.1 percent between 1980 and 2030; and

WHEREAS, 43 percent of the membership of The United Methodist Church is 55 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the percentage of United Methodists who are 60 years of age or older will exceed 50 percent by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the vitality of the church depends on the empowerment and full participation of this rapidly growing constituent group of the denomination; and

WHEREAS, responsibilities for ministries with, by and for older persons, currently distributed among the several agencies of the denomination, are not always clearly indicated and allow for overlapping and confusion; and

WHEREAS, ¶ 1006.10 of the 1980 *Book of Discipline* provides that the General Council on Ministries shall "resolve any overlapping in structure or functions . . . among the general program agencies by: a) Coordination of any interagency program where two or more general program agencies are involved . . ."; and

WHEREAS, older persons in The United Methodist Church do not now have an intentional voice in planning and program formation for their age group; and

WHEREAS, there is no current organizational structure of The United Methodist Church that has specific responsibility for ministries with, by, and for older persons; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need for sensitivity to and awareness of the current and future needs and potential contributions of older members of the church and of society; and

WHEREAS, the National Consultation of Older Adults in The United Methodist Church has called attention to the urgent need for identifying and strengthening an intentional and coordinated ministry with, by, and for older persons at all levels of The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the increasing older population which varies in different countries and cultures and in preparation of a global relationship already underway in the General Board of Global Ministries;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church establish a Task Force on Older Adult Ministries in the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico; and that

2. Working with and through the denominational agencies, this task force be empowered to study, assess, and recommend programs of ministry with, by, and for older persons in The United Methodist Church in the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico and to establish program priorities for these ministries at all levels of The United Methodist Church with emphasis on the local church and on older women and on ethnic minority adult persons; and that

3. This task force examine the structure of the denomination with respect to its ministries with, by, and for older persons; and that

4. The Task Force on Older Adult Ministries be asked to prepare appropriate recommendations to the 1988 General Conference regarding possible improvements, changes, or additions to the overall structure for and program of ministry with, by, and for older persons;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

5. The Task Force on Older Adult Ministries shall be accountable to the General Council on Ministries, which shall coordinate the work of the task force with the various general agencies and annual conferences. The task force shall make its final report through the General Council on Ministries to the 1988 General Conference, at which time the task force shall be terminated;

6. Membership of the task force shall be no more than 28 and shall be comprised of 15 representative persons over the age of 65, comprised of one clergy, one laywoman and one layman elected by each Jurisdictional College of Bishops; a representative member appointed by each of the seven general program agencies and United Methodist Communications; an episcopal member of the General Council on Ministries appointed by the General Council on Ministries. A staff representative of the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries and a staff representative of Age Level and Family Ministries of the General Board of Discipleship shall function as program resource staff for the task force. The task force may request other general agency staff to assist with its work. The General Council on Ministries shall provide staff for administrative purposes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

7. The task force give consideration to implementation by the general agencies of the objectives presented in the Report of the National Consultation of Older Adults; and that

8. The funding for this task force will be provided from the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Discipleship receipts coming from the World Service Fund.

Report No. 90

Petitions: CM1058

Subject: Deadline for Benevolence Interpretation

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 55; For 44; Against 11; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 901, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

Committee recommends nonconcurrence on the petition establishing a deadline of October 1st for the distribution of resources of benevolence interpretation for the 1985-1988 quadrennium.

Report No. 91

Petitions: CM-AD1460

Subject: Oppose Inclusive Language

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 49; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 902, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 181.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in petition opposing inclusive language.

Report No. 92

Petitions: CM-DS1329
Subject: Resolution on Language Guidelines
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 95; For 91; Against 2; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 903, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 10 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on Language Guidelines" (see pages 627-649).

Report No. 93

Petitions: CM1179
Subject: Ratio of Communications and Advertising Costs to Contributions Received on Special Days
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 95; For 94; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 904, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 22 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Ratio of Communications and Advertising Costs to Contributions Received on Special Days" (see page 690).

Report No. 94

Petitions: CM-CS1859
Subject: Use of Boycott in Christian Social Action
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 905, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in a petition supporting the practice of The United Methodist Church using boycotts as a valid means of expressing Christian social action.

Report No. 95

Petitions: CM-DS1336
Subject: Stewardship in The United Methodist Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 906, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 15 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on Stewardship in The United Methodist Church" (see pages 672-677).

Report No. 96

Petitions: CM-FA1063

Subject: Grants from World Service Contingency Fund

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 907, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 46 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on Grants from the World Service Fund Contingency Fund, 1981-1984" (see page 694).

Report No. 97

Petitions: CM-LC1336

Subject: Observance of United Methodist Student Day

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 94; For 87; Against 5; Not Voting 4.

(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)

Calendar No. 908, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 469.

The committee recommends concurrence with petition amending ¶ 271.3h) to read as follows:

We petition the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church to change the present ¶ 271.3h) to observe United Methodist Student Day on the last Sunday of the year, instead of the Sunday after Thanksgiving as it now reads. The new paragraph would then read:

h) United Methodist Student Day shall be observed on the last Sunday of the year. United Methodist Student Day calls the Church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The United Methodist Student Day offering, taken annually on the Sunday after Christmas, shall be received for the support of The United Methodist Scholarships and The United Methodist Student Day Loan Fund. There shall be an annual goal of $2,000,000. Net receipts from the offering, after payment of the expenses of promotion, shall be remitted by the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration to the General Board of

Higher Education and Ministry, to be administered by that board.

Report No. 98

Petitions: CM-FA1047
Subject: New Church Development Apportionment
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 49; Against 4; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 909, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The legislative committee refers the petition to The General Council on Ministries to study in consultation with program boards and The General Council on Finance and Administration and annual conferences where programs are already in place.

Report No. 99

Petitions: CM1001, CM1009
Subject: Special Sundays
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 85; Against 5; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 910, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee concurs with the above petitions, reordering and rewriting material found in Section IX dealing with Special Sundays, ¶¶ 270-272 in the 1980 *Book of Discipline.* The intent of the reordering of the material is to give clarity and unity to these paragraphs dealing wih the Special Sundays.

Amend present ¶ 270 by adding the first paragraph of present ¶ 271, beginning with, "The special Sundays approved," and ending with, "of the Christian year," to become the last paragraph of ¶ 270. New ¶ 270 would read as follows:

¶ 270. The special Sundays in The United Methodist Church are intended to be illustrative of the nature and calling of the Church and are celebrated annually. The special Sundays are placed on the calendar in the context of the Christian year, which is designed to make clear the calling of the Church as the people of God, and to give persons the opportunity of contributing offerings to special programs.

Five special churchwide Sundays provide for churchwide offerings to do deeds expressive of our commitment: **World Order Sunday**, Human Relations Day, One Great Hour of Sharing, United Methodist Student Day, and World Communion Sunday. **Two** special Sundays without offering: Heritage Sunday and Laity Sunday. One churchwide Sunday, Christian Education

Sunday, and one Annual Conference Sunday, Golden Cross Sunday, provide opportunities for Annual Conference offerings.

The special Sundays approved by General Conference shall be the only Sundays of churchwide emphasis. The program calendar of the denomination shall include only the special Sundays approved by General Conference, special Sundays approved by ecumenical agencies to which The United Methodist Church is officially related, and the days and seasons of the Christian year.

In present ¶ 272 delete the title and insert a new title. Add portions of present ¶ 271.2d) and 3c), and d) with new material to be included in new ¶ 272. Delete present ¶ 271.3g) and add new material to be included in new ¶ 272. Present ¶ 272.1 and 2 will be included in new ¶ 273. New ¶ 272 will read as follows:

Annual Conference Special Sundays
General Provisions Regarding Special Sundays Without Churchwide Offerings

¶ 272. Two special Sundays, without churchwide offering, shall be approved by General Conference upon recommendation of the General Council on Ministries after consultation with the Council of Bishops. The program functions assigned to the general agencies are carried out by the respective agencies through normal programmatic channels. Special Sundays are not needed for these program functions to be implemented.

1. World Order Sunday—World Order Sunday has been an ecumenical observance of the churches since the founding of the United Nations. This celebration in the churches is observed worldwide as United Nations Day. We affirm World Order Sunday as the symbol of our continuing witness of and support for the work of the United Nations. Because the United Nations works toward the purpose of peace and justice for the world's peoples, it is appropriate that World Order Sunday be observed on the Sunday of or preceding October 24. It reminds the Church of its task and of the wholeness of the gospel which includes structures in the secular realm. It also suggests specific actions to the Church as it moves in that direction.

1. Heritage Sunday—Heritage Sunday shall be observed on the Sunday following April 23, the date of birth of The United Methodist Church. It falls during Eastertide, the season in which we remember the Resurrection and the triumph of our Lord. Heritage Sunday calls the Church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God. **The observance of Heritage Sunday shall be under the general supervision of the**

General Commission on Archives and History. Any general agency of the Church which desires to recommend a theme for a given year for this Sunday may do so one year prior to the observance for which the recommendation is made. This recommendation is to be made to the General Commission on Archives and History, and the decision of the annual theme of this Sunday shall be made by the voting members of the General Commission on Archives and History.

2. Laity Sunday—Laity Sunday shall be observed on the second Sunday in October. Laity Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of all Christians, including laymen, laywomen, and youth, as their lives are empowered for ministry by the Holy Spirit. **The observance of Laity Sunday shall be under the general supervision of the General Board of Discipleship. Any general agency of the Church which desires to recommend a theme for a given year for this Sunday may do so one year prior to the observance for which the recommendation is made. This recommendation is to be made to the General Board of Discipleship, and the decision of the annual theme of this Sunday shall be made by the voting members of the General Board of Discipleship.**

Add a new title heading and opening sentence to create a new ¶ 273. Renumber present ¶ 271.3e) as new ¶ 273.1. Renumber present ¶ 272.1 and 2 as new ¶ 273.2 and 3. New ¶ 273 would read as follows:

¶ 273. Two special Sundays, approved by General Conference, provide opportunities for Annual Conference offerings.

1. Christian Education Sunday—Christian Education Sunday shall be observed on a date determined by the Annual Conference. It calls the Church as the people of God to be open to growth and learning as disciples of Jesus Christ. If the Annual Conference so directs, an offering may be received for the work of Christian education within the Annual Conference. Local church treasurers shall remit the receipts of the offering to the Annual Conference treasurer, and receipts will be acknowledged in accordance with the procedure of the Annual Conference. Local churches shall report the amount of the offering in the manner indicated in the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference.

2. Golden Cross Sunday—Golden Cross Sunday shall be observed annually on the first Sunday in May. If the Annual Conference so directs, an offering may be received for the work of health and welfare ministries in the Annual Conference. Local church treasurers shall remit the receipts of the offering to the Annual Conference treasurer, and receipts will be acknowledged in accordance with the procedure of the Annual Conference.

Local churches shall report the amount of the offering in the manner indicated on the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference.

3. Annual Conferences may determine other special Sundays with or without offering. Special Sundays with offering shall be approved by the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries in consultation with the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Special Sundays without offering shall be approved by the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries.

Renumber present ¶¶ 273, 274, and 275 in Section IX. as new ¶¶ 274, 275, and 276.

Report No. 100

Petitions: CM1004
Subject: Churchwide Special Sundays
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 95; For 86; Against 5; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 911, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 469, 502.

The committee concurs with the following petition as amended relating to churchwide special Sundays with offerings:

Title. Amend Title at the heading of present ¶ 271 by adding "**with offerings**" at the end. The new title at the heading of new ¶ 271 would read: General Provisions Regarding Churchwide Special Sundays **With Offerings.**

In present ¶ 271 delete the entire introductory paragraph and insert a new sentence. New ¶ 271 would read as follows:

¶ 271. Five special churchwide Sundays provide for churchwide offerings to express our commitment. *The special Sundays approved by General Conference shall be the only Sundays of churchwide emphasis. The program calendar of the denomination shall include only the special Sundays approved by General Conference, special Sundays approved by ecumenical agencies to which The United Methodist Church is officially related, and the days and seasons of the Christian year.*

In present ¶ 271.1 delete the heading in italics and part of the sentence at the end of the first paragraph. Insert a new sentence at the end of the first paragraph. Add "**in full**" after the words "promptly remitted" and "transmit the funds" in the second paragraph. New ¶ 271.1 would read as follows:

1. *Special Sundays with Offering*—**Purpose**—The purpose of the churchwide offerings shall be determined by General Conference upon recommendation of the General Council on

Finance and Administration, after consultation with the Council of Bishops and the General Council on Ministries. *The purpose of these funds shall remain constant for the quadrennium and shall be promoted by the General Commission on Communication.* **The purpose of these funds shall remain constant for the quadrennium. The funds shall be promoted by the General Commission on Communication in cooperation with the agencies responsible for the administration of these funds (see ¶ 1106.12).**

Each offering shall be promptly remitted **in full** by the local church treasurer to the Annual Conference treasurer, who shall transmit the funds **in full** to the General Council on Finance and Administration within thirty (30) days of receipt in the office of the Annual Conference treasurer.

Delete present ¶ 271.2 in its entirety. Portions of present ¶ 271.2a), b), and c) will be included in new ¶ 272. Delete the first two lines of present ¶ 271.3. Portions of present ¶ 271.3 will be included in new ¶ 272 and new ¶ 273. Amend and reletter the remaining sections of present ¶ 271 so that new ¶ 271.1a), b), c) and d) will read as follows:

2. Special Sundays without Offering.—The program functions assigned to the general agencies are carried out by the respective agencies through normal programmatic channels. Special Sundays are not needed for these program functions to be implemented.

The two special Sundays without offering are to be administered as follows:

a) Heritage Sunday—Commission on Archives and History.

b) Laity Sunday—The Board of Discipleship.

c) Any general agency of the Church which desires to recommend a theme for a given year for either of these two Sundays may do so one year prior to the observance for which the recommendation is made. This recommendation is to be made to the administering agency, and the decision of the annual theme of these Sundays shall be made by the voting members of the administering agency.

d) The Sundays without offering shall be approved by the General Conference upon recommendation of the General Council on Ministries, after consultation with the Council of Bishops.

3. Churchwide Special Sundays—The churchwide special Sundays are as follows:

a) Human Relations Day—Human Relations Day shall be observed on the last Sunday of the Season of Epiphany with an offering goal recommended by the General Council on Finance

and Administration. Epiphany is the season of manifesting God's light to the world. Human Relations Day calls the Church to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with each other. The purpose of the day is to further the development of better human relations through funding programs determined by the General Conference upon recommendation of the General Council on Finance and Administration after consultation with the General Council on Ministries. For the *1981-84* **1985-1988** quadrennium *an annual goal of $750,000 shall be established;* the offering receipts will be allocated and administered as follows:

(1) Community Developers Program: **Sixty** percent (administered by the National Division, General Board of Global Ministries).

(2) United Methodist Voluntary Services Program: **Thirty-five** percent (administered by the National Division, General Board of Global Ministries).

(3) Police-Community Relations Program: Five percent (administered by the General Board of Church and Society).

Net receipts of the Human Relations Day Offering shall be distributed on ratio to the administering agencies.

b) One Great Hour of Sharing—One Great Hour of Sharing shall be observed on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Lent is the season of repentance, self-examination, and awareness of the hurts of the peoples of the world. One Great Hour of Sharing calls the Church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. All local churches shall be fully informed and encouraged to receive a freewill offering in behalf of the relief program. The observance shall be under the general supervision of the General Commission on Communication. Insofar as possible, the planning and promotion of the One Great Hour of Sharing shall be done cooperatively with other denominations through the National Council of Churches, it being understood, however, that receipts shall be administered by The United Methodist Church. Net receipts from the offering, after payment of the expenses of promotion, shall be remitted by the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration to the United Methodist Committee on Relief *Division* **Department** of the General Board of Global Ministries, to be administered by that committee.

c) **World Communion Sunday**—World Communion Sunday shall be observed the first Sunday of October. World Communion Sunday calls the church to be the catholic inclusive Church. In connection with World Communion Sunday there shall be a churchwide appeal conducted by the General Commission on Communication in accord with the following directives: Each

local church shall be requested to remit as provided in ¶915.6 all the communion offering received on World Communion Sunday and such portion of the communion offering received at other observances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as the local church may designate.

The net receipts, after payment of promotional costs, shall be divided as follows: Fifty percent for Crusade Scholarships, to be administered by the Crusade Scholarship Committee; 35 percent for the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program, and 15 percent for the Ethnic Minority In-Service Training Program; the last two to be administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

d) United Methodist Student Day—United Methodist Student Day shall be observed on the *Sunday after Thanksgiving* **last Sunday of the year.** United Methodist Student Day calls the Church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The United Methodist Student Day offering, taken annually on the *Sunday after Thanksgiving*, **last Sunday of the year,** shall be received for the support of The United Methodist Scholarships and The United Methodist Student Loan Fund. There shall be an annual goal *of $2,000,000* **set by the General Conference.** Net receipts from the offering, after payment of the expenses of promotion, shall be remitted by the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to be administered by that board.

e) World Order Sunday—World Order Sunday shall be observed during Pentecost. World Order Sunday has long been an ecumenical observance. It reminds the church of its task and the wholeness of the Gospel which includes structures in the secular realm. World Order Sunday calls the church to continue its witness and education, including educational work about the United Nations and its peace objectives. The observance of World Order Sunday shall be under the general supervision of the General Board of Church and Society. Net receipts from the offering will be distributed as follows:

(1) There shall be a churchwide appeal and offering. All receipts shall be remitted by the local church treasurer to the Annual Conference treasurer.

(2) The Annual Conference treasurer shall retain 50 percent of the monies for Peace with Justice Ministries in the Annual Conference to be administered by the Annual Conference Board of Church and Society or equivalent structure.

(3) The Annual Conference treasurer shall remit the remaining 50 percent of the monies to the General Council on

Finance and Administration. Net receipts from the offering after payment of the expenses of promotion shall be remitted by the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration to the General Board of Church and Society for Peace with Justice Ministries.

Report No. 101

Petitions: CM1074

Subject: Evaluation of General Council on Ministries and Response of General Council on Ministries to the Evaluation

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 912, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence to receive Report No. 58 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Evaluation of the General Council on Ministries and Response of the General Council on Ministries to the Evaluation" (see page 697).

Report No. 102

Petitions: CM-FA1055

Subject: Evaluation of the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 913, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 12 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on the Evaluation of the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy" (see pages 663-667).

Report No. 103

Petitions: CM1055

Subject: Coordinated Ministry to the Southwest Border

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 914, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with Report No. 14 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on Coordinated Ministry to the Southwest Border" (see pages 668-672).

Report No. 104

Petitions: CM1216
Subject: Work of the Interagency Task Force on Legislation
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 915, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee concurs to receive Report No. 50 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Work of the Interagency Task Force on Legislation" (see page 696).

Report No. 105

Petitions: CM-AD1021
Subject: Evaluation of General Agencies, 1981-1984
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 916, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence to receive Report No. 16 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution on the Evaluation of the General Agencies 1981-1984" (see pages 677-678).

Report No. 106

Petitions: CM-DS1103, CM-DS1115, CM-DS1178, CM-DS1198, CM-DS1275, CM-DS1276, CM-DS1286
Subject: Issues/Inclusive Language
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 82; For 77; Against 1; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 917, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee votes nonconcurrence on these petitions, which are inconsistent with Report No. 9 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries, "Resolution and Report on Biblical and Theological Language."

Report No. 107

Petitions: CM-CS1718, CM-CS1189
Subject: Nestle and Bristol-Myers Boycott
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 94; For 92; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 918, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

Nonconcurrence, since requests of two petitions are inconsistent with the recommended report of the Infant Formula Task Force, Report No. 8 from the Resolutions of the General Council on Ministries.

Report No. 108

Petitions: CM1034
Subject: Guidelines for Urban and Town and Country Ministry
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 919, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502 .

The committee recommends nonconcurrence of the petition developing guidelines for Urban and Town and Country Ministry strategies since it is covered elsewhere.

Report No. 109

Petitions: CM1036
Subject: Responsibilities of District Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 920, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

Concurred on petition amending ¶ 737.5 by adding a new subsection f) which would read:

¶ 737.5f) To study the needs of the district and establish priorities and guidelines for the development of cooperative ministries in town and country and urban situations.

The following paragraphs to be numbered appropriately.

Report No. 110

Petitions: CM1026
Subject: District Superintendent—Executive Officer of District Council on Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 921, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with the following petition amending ¶ 737.3:
Amend ¶ 737.3 as follows:

3. Officers.—The officers of the district Council on Ministries shall be the chairperson, who shall be elected from the membership of the council, and such other officers as the Annual Conference or the district deems necessary. **The district superintendent shall have executive oversight responsibility for the work of the district Council on Ministries.**

Delete ¶ 737.4 and renumber ¶ 737.5 and .6 to become .4 and .5:

4. Staff.—The district superintendent shall be the chief executive staff officer.

Report No. 111

Petitions: CM1190

Subject: Review of Ecumenical and Interreligious Funding

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 95; For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 922, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee concurs to receive Report No. 57 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Review of Ecumenical and Interreligious Funding" (see page 697).

Report No. 112

Petitions: CM1032

Subject: Composition, District Council on Ministries/Older Adults

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 923, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

Committee recommends concurrence in the following petitions including older adults in the composition of the District Council on Ministries:

Amend ¶ 737.2 to include "older adults" as one of the groups meriting special attention when selecting the membership of District Councils on Ministries. The parenthetical section of the fourth sentence of ¶ 737.2 as amended would read as follows: (with special attention to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth, young adults, **older adults**, persons with handicapping condition, and racial and ethnic minority persons) in keeping with policies for general church agencies.

Report No. 113

Petitions: CM1029, CM1030, CM1035

Subject: Composition District Council on Ministries/Town and Country Ministry

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 924, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

Committee recommends concurrence in the following petition including Town and Country Ministry:

¶¶ 721.5f), 721.5g) and 721.5h) discuss the conference subcommittees on Town and Country and Urban Ministry as groups to identify mission needs and strategy related to Parish and Community Development. Responsibilities are defined according to the population.

On the district council on ministries, representatives from each of these sectors would be helpful, such as in gathering information, identifying specific mission needs related to town and country or urban communities, and in serving as communication channels for information from the conference Parish and Community Development Committee.

Therefore, each district council should include in its membership a representative of town and country ministry and a representative of urban ministry, except in the unique cases where one of these population conditions does not exist.

We therefore petition the General Conference to amend ¶ 737.2, describing membership of the District Council on Ministries, as follows:

After the words "the district director/president of United Methodist Men," in line six, add **"representatives of town and country ministry and urban ministry, except in those districts where one of these population categories is not present."**

The sentence will then read: It may include the following: district coordinator of age-level and family ministries; the district director/president of United Methodist Men; **representatives of town and country ministry and urban ministry, except in those districts where one of these population categories is not present;** representatives of program agencies . . .

Report No. 114

Petitions: CM1174
Subject: Program and Funding Patterns
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 925, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence with the Report of the General Conference Study Committee on Program and Funding Patterns.

Report No. 115

Petitions: CM1057
Subject: Data Bank
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 44; Against 0; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 926, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee concurs in referral to the General Council on Ministries to use as the Council expands the data bank capacities of the General Council on Ministries.

Report No. 116

Petitions: CM1027

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendent

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 927, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence on this petition, as amended to add a new ¶ 737.5n) as follows:

n) The district superintendent, after consultation with the chairperson of the Conference Board of Global Ministries and the conference secretary of global ministries, may appoint a district secretary of global ministries, who shall serve on the district Council on Ministries and chair the district committee of global ministries, where these exist, in cases where the Annual Conference has not directed otherwise.

Report No. 117

Petitions: CM1020

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Councils on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 928, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The legislative committee recommends nonconcurrence on a petition to amend ¶ 717.6 which would allow the age level and family councils to include a single adult council in the mandated councils, as deemed necessary, feeling that the term "adult council" could include "single adult council."

Report No. 118

Petitions: CM1239

Subject: Organization of General Council on Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 929, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in the petition to reduce the size of membership of the General Council on Ministries by one-half and to eliminate some representation of boards and agencies.

Report No. 119

Petitions: CM1063
Subject: Establish a Young Adult Council
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 24; Against 20; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 930, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 468.

The committee votes reference to the General Board of Discipleship for the study of a petition establishing a young adult council under the structure of the General Council on Ministries, composed of representatives of the five racial groups.

Report No. 120

Petitions: CM1232
Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 51; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 931, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on a change in ¶ 1006.15 substituting the role of the General Council on Ministries from electing general secretaries of each program agency to receiving the report of such elections.

Report No. 121

Petitions: CM1220
Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 52; For 51; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 932, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence on three petitions in relation to ¶ 1006.13, which would substitute the evaluation function of program agencies by the General Council on Ministries to one of assisting in that process.

Report No. 122

Petitions: CM1051
Subject: Native American Committee
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 96; Present 48; For 39; Against 5; Not Voting 4.

Calendar No. 933, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 502.

The committee votes reference to the General Council on Ministries of a petition that would provide for more effective processing of Native American concerns in the General Council on Ministries quadrennial program unit.

Report No. 123

Petitions: CM1238

Subject: General Advance Funds of the National Division

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 934, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence on petition to provide that general advance funds received for a National Division project be remitted to that project within one month.

Report No. 124

Petitions: CM1018

Subject: Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 935, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 502.

The committee recommends concurrence in the following petition:

Amend ¶ 717.6 to include the authority of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries to establish a Council on Older Adult Ministries, as it may deem necessary.

¶ 717.6 as amended would read as follows:

6. Age-Level and Family Councils.—The council may establish children, young adult, adult, **older adult,** and family ministry councils as it deems necessary to the performance of its duties.

Report No. 125

Petitions: CM1025, CM1028, CM1031

Subject: Status and Role of Women/District Conference

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 936, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

Committee recommends concurrence in the following petitions to include the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the composition of the District Council on Ministries:

In ¶ 732.2, amend the third sentence after the words, "and race," by inserting at the beginning of line 8 the words, **status and role of women.**

¶ 737.2. Membership—Each Annual Conference may determine the membership and the method of election of its district Councils on Ministries. The membership structure need not be identical in each district. It may include the following: district coordinators of age-level and family ministries; the district director/president of United Methodist Men; representatives of program agencies (i.e., district directors of evangelism, education, religion and race, **status and role of women,** district missionary secretaries, work area chairpersons on stewardship) and representatives of clusters of local churches.

The remainder of ¶ 737.2 is unchanged.

Report No. 126

Petitions: CM1233

Subject: Responsibility of General Council on Ministries for Cooperative Parish Ministries

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 96; Present 52; For 51; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 937, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee votes nonconcurrence in the petition to add a paragraph in ¶ 1006.23 that would recommend the development and promotion of cooperative parish ministries by boards and agencies of the church.

Report No. 127

Petitions: CM1086

Subject: Local Church Empowerment

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 74; For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 938, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence on a petition to empower the local church in the 1981-84 quadrennium by focusing on cooperative parishes and small membership churches. The wrong years were printed and the petition was too comprehensive.

Report No. 128

Petitions: CM-DS1340, CM1207

Subject: Task Force on Hispanic Language Resources

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 939, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 503.

The committee concurs with Report No. 38 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on the Task Force on Hispanic Language Resources" (see pages 691-692).

Report No. 129

Petitions: CM1024
Subject: District Church and Society/Composition, District Council on Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 96; Present 54; For 52; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 940, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

Committee recommends concurrence in the following petition which includes district directors for church and society in the composition of the District Council on Ministries:

¶ 737.2. Membership—Each Annual Conference may determine the membership and the method of election of its district Councils on Ministries. The membership structure need not be identical in each district. It may include the following: district coordinators of age-level and family ministries; the district director/president of United Methodist Men; representatives of program agencies (i.e., district directors of evangelism, education, religion and race, district missionary secretaries, **district directors for church and society,** work area chairpersons on stewardship) and representatives of clusters of local churches. It is recommended that a member of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries staff be included as a resource person in each district Council on Ministries. Membership shall be chosen, insofar as possible, to include one-third clergy, one-third laywomen, and one-third laymen (with special attention to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth, young adults, persons with handicapping conditions, and racial and ethnic minority persons) in keeping with policies for general church agencies. The Annual Conference may ask the District Conference (¶ 734) to elect the membership of the District Council on Ministries.

Report No. 130

Petitions: CM1218
Subject: Objectives of the General Council on Ministries
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 96; Present 74; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 941, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.

The committee recommends concurrence on petition to amend ¶ 1005 as follows:

¶ 1005. Amend present ¶ 1005.1 with the following deletions and additions:

1. To study missional need, *determine priorities* **and propose priorities of the general church; and, when necessary,** adjust emphases between sessions of the General Conference.

Amend present ¶ 1005.2 with the following deletions and additions:

2. To establish the processes and relationships pertaining to the coordination **and funding** of the ministries and program emphases of *The United Methodist Church* **the denomination** through its general agencies and to minimize unnecessary overlapping or conflicting approaches to the local church and the Annual Conferences.

Amend present ¶ 1005.3 with the following addition:

3. To enhance the effectiveness of our total ministries by reviewing **and evaluating** the performance of the general program agencies and their responsiveness to the needs of the local churches and Annual Conferences.

Report No. 131

Petitions: CM-CC1004

Subject: Commission on Central Conference Affairs

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 96; Present 94; For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1236, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee voted to receive and concur in Report No. 23 from the General Council on Ministries, "Report on Central Conference Representation on General Program Agencies" (see page 688).

COMMITTEE NO. 10
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS

(*Richard A. Thornburg,* chairperson; *Cornelius L. Henderson,* vice-chairperson; Elizabeth L. Howard, secretary; committee duties and personnel are listed on pages 130-132.)

Report No. 1

Petitions: AD1099
Subject: Evaluations of General Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 76; For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 92, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 2

Petitions: AD1097, AD1096
Subject: Accountability of General Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 76; For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 93, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 3

Petitions: AD1095
Subject: Accountability and Amenability of General Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 76; For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 94, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 4

Petitions: AD1092
Subject: Amenability and Accountability
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 76; For 65; Against 8; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 95, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 5

Petitions: AD1093, AD1094
Subject: Amenability and Program Accountability

Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 75; For 61; Against 13; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 122, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 473.

The committee recommends that ¶ 802 be revised as follows: In present ¶ 802 indicate subsections with numbers and make the following deletions and additions:

¶ 802. Amenability and **Program** Accountability.—**1.** All the general agencies of The United Methodist Church that have been constituted by the General Conference are amenable to the General Conference, except as otherwise provided.

2. Between sessions of the General Conference, the following general agencies are accountable to the General Council on Ministries: the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the *Standing General Commission on Communication in matters pertaining to its program responsibilities*, the *Standing* General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the *Standing* General Commission on Religion and Race, *and* the *Standing* Commission on the Status and Role of Women, **and the General Commission on Archives and History and the General Commission on Communication in matters pertaining to their program responsibilities.**

3. Evaluation of general agencies by the General Council on Ministries shall be part of the accountability relationship (¶ 1006.13). The evaluation process and its results shall be reported to each General Conference. *with recommendation for continuance of program as appropriate.* **The purpose for agency evaluation is to assist the agency in the process of fulfilling and supporting its ministry.**

4. Local church groups, district, and Annual Conference organizations may receive an explanation of the evaluation process by requesting it from the General Council on Ministries. Questions and concerns about programs, projects, or decisions of a particular agency may be addressed to that agency, with copies to the General Council on Ministries. Agencies shall acknowledge receipt of requests for information within thirty days and provide information as soon thereafter as it is available.

5. In all matters of accountability episcopal oversight as provided in ¶ 524 is assumed.

Report No. 6

Petitions: AD1101, AD1102
Subject: Definitions, Structures and Titles
Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 75; For 60; Against 13; Not Voting 2. *Calendar No. 123, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 473.*

The committee recommends concurrence with ¶ 803 revised as follows:

Amend ¶ 803.2 by adding a definition of a "program department," and by other editorial and relettering changes as shown below. Amend ¶ 803.3 in such a way that the definition of a "general commission" will be for an agency created for an indefinite period of time. Amend ¶ 803.5-.6 to classify the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns as a program-related general agency, and by deleting the word "Standing" as a part of the name of the general commissions. Amend ¶ 803.7 to add a definition of a new staff title. Other portions of ¶ 803 would remain unchanged.

¶ 803. Definitions, Structures, and Titles.—1. (¶ 803.1 would remain unchanged from the 1980 *Book of Discipline.*)

2. (The introductory portion of ¶ 803.2 and ¶ 803.2a) would remain unchanged from the 1980 *Book of Discipline.*)

b) Program Department—a specialized unit within the General Board of Global Ministries to give organizational identity for the purpose of accomplishing specific program responsibilities and assignments.

b **c)** Section—a functional subunit of a division **or a program department.**

c **d)** Office—a support service unit within a general board.

Delete present ¶ 803.3 and substitute a new paragraph in its place.

a) General Commission.—An organization created by the General Conference for the fulfillment of a specific function for a limited period of time shall be designated as a general commission.

b) Standing General Commission.—A commission created by the General Conference for the fulfillment of a specific function for an indefinite period of time shall be designated as a standing general commission.

New ¶ 803.3 would read as follows:

3. General Commission.—An organization created by the General Conference for the fulfillment of a specific function for an indefinite period of time.

In present ¶ 803.5 make the following additions and deletions:

5. Program-related General Agencies.—The general boards and commissions which have program and/or advocacy functions

shall be designated as program-related general agencies. These agencies are amenable to the General Conference and between sessions of the General Conference are accountable to the General Council on Ministries: the General Board of Church and Society, the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, **the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns,** the *Standing* General Commission on Religion and Race, and the *Standing* General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. **In all matters of accountability episcopal oversight as provided in ¶ 524 is assumed.**

6. Administrative General Agencies.—The general boards and commissions which have primarily administrative and service functions shall be designated as administrative general agencies. These agencies are the General Board of Pensions, the General Board of Publication, **and** the *Standing* General Commission on Archives and History *the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns*, and *Standing* General Commission on Communication, **both of** which also *carries* **carry** program-related responsibilities for which *it is* **they are** accountable to the General Council on Ministries.

7. Each general agency, unless otherwise provided shall adopt the following executive staff titles:

a) General Secretary—the chief staff officer of a general agency. Each general agency is entitled to only one general secretary, who is its chief administrative officer.

b) **Deputy General Secretary—the chief staff officer of a division of the General Board of Global Ministries.**

c) Associate General Secretary—the associate staff officer of a general agency or the chief staff officer of a division **or a program department** of a general agency.

d) Assistant General Secretary—the assistant staff officer of a general agency or the chief staff officer of a section or office of a general agency.

e) Treasurer—the staff financial officer of a general agency entrusted with the receipt, care, and disbursement of agency funds. In some general agencies there may be associate and/or assistant treasurers. There are general agencies in which "treasurer" is not a staff title, but is an officer elected from the voting membership of the agency.

¶ 803.8-.11 remain unchanged from the 1980 *Book of Discipline.*

Report No. 7

Petitions: AD1100, AD1103

Subject: Definitions, Structures, and Titles

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 74; For 66; Against 3; Not Voting 5.

Calendar No. 124, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 8

Petitions: AD1244

Subject: Funding Support for Women and Ethnic History Project

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 74; For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 125, Adopted May 7, 1984, Journal Page 291.

The committee recommends concurrence:

That $75,000 per year for the 1985-88 quadrennium be budgeted to the General Commission on Archives and History to fund the Women's and Ethnic History Project.

Refer to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

(Editor's note: For final action on this recommendation, see Report No. 21 of the General Council on Finance and Administration, page 578.)

Report No. 9

Petitions: AD1234, AD1240, AD1241, AD1243, AD1245, AD1246

Subject: Funding Support for Women's and Ethnic History Project

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 74; For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 126, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 10

Petitions: AD1254

Subject: Additional Funding to General Commission on Archives and History

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 74; For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 127, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 11

Petitions: AD1257
Subject: Present National Historic Landmarks
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 128, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee recommends additions to the list of Historic National United Methodist Landmarks and to concur to amend ¶ 1912.3b) as follows:

b) Present National Historic Landmarks.—The national historic landmarks of The United Methodist Church are: the sites of the Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, MD; Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, NY; McMahan's Chapel, Bronson, TX; *and* John Wesley's American Parish, Savannah, GA; **Asbury Manual Labor School and Mission, Ft. Mitchell, AL; Cokesbury College, Abingdon, MD; and the site of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Louisville, KY.**

Report No. 12

Petitions: AD1255
Subject: Present National Historic Shrines
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 129, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee concurs with the proposed ¶ 1912.2b) as follows:

b) Present National Historic Shrines.—The national historic shrines of The United Methodist Church are: Acuff's Chapel, state highway 126 between Blountsville and Kingsport, TN; Albright Memorial Chapel, Kleinfeltersville, PA; Barratt's Chapel, near Frederica, DE; Edward Cox House, near Bluff City, TN; Green Hill House, Louisburg, NC; John Street Church, New York City; Old McKendree Chapel, Jackson, MO; Old Otterbein Church, Baltimore, MD; Rehobeth Church, near Union, WV; St. George's Church, Philadelphia; St. Simon's Island, Brunswick, GA; Cemetery and Site of Old Stone Church, Leesburg, VA; Robert Strawbridge's Log House, near New Windsor, MD; Wyandot Indian Mission, Upper Sandusky, OH; Whitaker's Chapel, near Enfield, Halifax County, NC; the town of Oxford, GA; *and* Peter Cartwright United Methodist Church, Pleasant Plains, IL; **Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL; Boehm's Chapel, Willow Street, PA; Deadwood Cluster, Deadwood, SD; and Zoar United Methodist Church, Philadelphia, PA.**

Report No. 13

Petitions: AD1256
Subject: Resolution on Historical Site
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 75; For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 130, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence: That Baltimore be designated as the American Methodist Bicentennial City.

Report No. 14

Petitions: AD1248
Subject: Papers of Bishop James Cannon, Jr.
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 131, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence: That the papers of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., be released from the vault of The United Methodist Publishing House for permanent deposit with and administration of the General Commission on Archives and History.

Report No. 15

Petitions: AD1008
Subject: Historical Recognition of St. Paul's U.M.C., Tiffin, Ohio
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 72; For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 132, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence: That the General Commission on Archives and History make part of the permanent records the history of the historical events and related gifts of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Tiffin, Ohio, re: its present building constructed in 1874, the first public building in the world wired for electricity and the gift from Thomas A. Edison of a chandelier.

Report No. 16

Petitions: AD1252, AD1251
Subject: Composition of General Commission on Archives and History
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 133, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence to amend ¶ 1904.2 to read:

The commission shall be composed of thirty members in the following manner: thirteen members shall be elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops, which number would include at least two women, one young adult, one youth and two persons from racial and ethnic minorities; two bishops *one of whom shall be the secretary of the Council of Bishops;* the secretary of the General Conference; five presidents of the Jurisdictional Commissions on Archives and History or a person designated by the jurisdictional College of Bishops where no commission exists; and nine additional members elected by the general commission. Not less than ten of the total shall be women; **not less than two shall be persons over sixty-five years of age;** not less than four of the members should be racial and ethnic minorities including one each of the following: Pacific and Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American and Native American.

Report No. 17

Petitions: AD1105, AD1104
Subject: Accountability of General Agencies
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 74; For 70; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 134, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 18

Petitions: AD1538
Subject: Investigation Procedures—Appeal Process
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 66; For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 135, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 19

Petitions: AD1534
Subject: Charges
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 65; For 62; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 136, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 476.

The committee recommends concurrence to amend ¶ 2622.2 as follows:

Amendments may be made to a bill of charges at the discretion of the presiding officer, provided that they relate to the form of statement only and do not change the nature of the alleged offense and do not introduce new matter of which the accused has not had due notice. **When an amendment or amendments to a bill of charges is or are denied by the presiding officer, it or they shall not be introduced in the form of testimony in the Trial Court. Charges or accusations previously dropped by the Committee on Investigation shall not be brought up in the Trial Court in the form of evidence or otherwise.**

Report No. 20

Petitions: AD1533
Subject: Homosexuality Among Chargeable Offenses
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 66; For 62; Against 1; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 137, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 21

Petitions: AD1531
Subject: Chargeable Offenses
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 66; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 138, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 22

Petitions: AD1530
Subject: Chargeable Offenses
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 139, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 23

Petitions: AD1529
Subject: Chargeable Offenses
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 61; For 60; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 140, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 24

Petitions: AD1528
Subject: Amend Chargeable Offenses to Include Homosexuality
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 58; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 141, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 25

Petitions: AD1527
Subject: Addition to Ministerial Chargeable Offenses
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 58; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 142, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 26

Petitions: AD-DS 1127, AD-DS 1128, AD-DS 1129, AD-DS 1132, AD-DS 1133, AD-DS 1135, AD-DS 1138, AD-DS 1142, AD-DS 1143, AD-DS 1145, AD-DS 1146, AD-DS 1147, AD-DS 1149, AD-DS 1150, AD-DS 1151, AD-DS 1153, AD-DS 1154, AD-DS 1157, AD-DS 1161, AD-DS 1163, AD-DS 1165, AD-DS 1166, AD-DS 1167, AD-DS 1168, AD-DS 1170, AD-DS 1172, AD-DS 1174, AD-DS 1175, AD-DS 1176, AD-DS 1177, AD-DS 1179, AD-DS 1180, AD-DS 1181, AD-DS 1182, AD-DS 1183, AD-DS 1185, AD-DS 1187, AD-DS 1189, AD-DS 1192, AD-DS 1194, AD-DS 1195, AD-DS 1197, AD-DS 1199, AD-DS 1200, AD-DS 1201, AD-DS 1202, AD-DS 1203, AD-DS 1204, AD-DS 1205, AD-DS 1206, AD-DS 1207, AD-DS 1208, AD-DS 1209, AD-DS 1213, AD-DS 1214, AD-DS 1215, AD-DS 1216, AD-DS 1219, AD-DS 1220, AD-DS 1222, AD-DS 1223, AD-DS 1225, AD-DS 1226, AD-DS 1127, AD-DS 1228, AD-DS 1230, AD-DS 1232, AD-DS 1233, AD-DS 1234, AD-DS 1235, AD-DS 1236, AD-DS 1241, AD-DS 1243, AD-DS 1244, AD-DS 1245, AD-DS 1246, AD-DS 1247, AD-DS 1248, AD-DS 1249, AD-DS 1250, AD-DS 1251, AD-DS 1252, AD-DS 1255, AD-DS 1257, AD-DS 1259, AD-DS 1260, AD-DS 1264, AD-DS 1266, AD-DS 1270, AD-DS 1311, AD-DS 1312, AD-DS 1459, AD-DS 1071, AD-DS 1074

Subject: Oppose Inclusive Language in Lectionary
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 68; For 60; Against 7; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 143, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 438.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 26 (Minority Report)
Petitions: (listed in committee report)
Subject: Oppose Inclusive Language in Lectionary
Date: May 3, 1984
Calendar No. 143, Defeated May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 438-440.

We are sensitive to the many people in our church who are hurt by the traditional masculine language of much of our church's history and usage and who feel strongly that all language in our churches should be inclusive. We are also sensitive to the many people who feel strongly that the attempt to attain language inclusiveness should not result in the altering of Scripture. We call upon all peoples to respond to this issue with Christian sensitivity toward those with whom they disagree. We further call the attention of the church to the fact that the Inclusive Language Lectionary of the National Council of Churches is a voluntary worship resource that has neither been endorsed nor its use promoted by The United Methodist Church.

William W. Reid (Sponsor), Durward McCord, Robert B. Carpenter, Jr., Truman D. Brooks, Allen D. Montgomery, Robert Dickerson, Donald J. Hand, Roy E. Webster, II, Clay F. Lee, William S. Evans, II, Alice Powrie, Joseph A. McMahon, Delight B. Wier, F. H. Furman, Jr., Robert D. Bledsoe, Louise Branscomb, Becky Auman, Ruth Thomasson.

Report No. 27
Petitions: AD-DS1317
Subject: Optional Use of the Lectionary
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 64; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 145, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 28
Petitions: AD1249
Subject: Receive Report Archives and History
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 146, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 2, May 7, 1984, Journal Pages 268-269, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, page I-57).

Report No. 29

Petitions: AD1526

Subject: Chargeable Offenses

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 54; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 235, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence that ¶ 2621 be amended deleting *incompetence* and *inefficiency* as chargeable offenses.

¶ 2621. Chargeable Offenses.—1. A bishop, ministerial member of an Annual Conference (¶ 412), local pastor, or diaconal minister may choose a trial when charged with one or more of the following offenses: (a) immorality; (b) practices declared by The United Methodist Church to be incompatible with Christian teachings; (c) crime; (d) failure to perform the work of the ministry; *(1)* **(e)** indifference, *(2) incompetence, (3) inefficiency;* **(f)** disobedience to the Order and Discipline of The United Methodist Church; **(g)** dissemination of doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrine of the Church; **(h)** relationships and/or behavior which undermines the ministry of another pastor.

Report No. 30

Petitions: AD1238

Subject: Century of United Methodist Work Among Japanese Americans

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 74; For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 236, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee voted concurrence with the request for recognition of a century of Japanese American Methodist work, that it be included in the historical archives and noted in the 1984 Daily Christian Advocate, page 579.

Refer to the General Commission on Archives and History.

Report No. 31

Petitions: AD1107, AD1108, AD1109

Subject: Religious Orders

Date: May 3, 1984

Membership 77; Present 74; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 237, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence: not to include definitions and structural suggestions on religious orders in the Discipline.

Report No. 32

Petitions: AD1435, AD1434
Subject: Composition of the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 3, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 63; Against 5; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 238, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2006.1 be revised as follows:

Delete existing ¶ 2006.1:

1. The Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns shall be composed of thirty directors as follows: three bishops appointed by the Council of Bishops; three persons from each jurisdiction, elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences; twelve other directors selected by the elected commission at the organizational meeting.

Substitute for ¶ 2006.1 the following:

1. The Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns shall be composed of United Methodists as follows: three bishops appointed by the Council of Bishops; three persons from each jurisdiction, elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences (see ¶ 805); twelve other persons with vote selected by the elected commission at the organizational meeting. It is recommended that persons elected by each Jurisdiction and by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns be inclusive of ethnic minority representation—Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, and Native American. Two additional members with vote may include persons from the other churches in the Consultation on Church Union.

Report No. 33

Petitions: AD1470, AD1479
Subject: World Council of Churches/National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 65; For 61; Against 4; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 239, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.*

The committee concurs that ¶¶ 2402 and 2403 be revised as follows:

Present ¶ 2402.1 becomes new ¶ 2402.2a amended as follows:

2. The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

a) The United Methodist Church is a member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, its predecessor Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches having been charter members of such body. It has borne its proportionate share of financial support, and through the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund is authorized and directed to continue its support. **United Methodist financial support of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. shall be remitted through the General Council on Finance and Administration in accordance with ¶ 917.**

Old ¶ 2402.2 is new ¶ 2402.2b, amended as follows:

b) The United Methodist representatives and proxies to the National Council of **the** Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Governing Board shall be selected by the Council of Bishops from nominations reviewed by the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Recommendations of names for consideration may be sent by Annual Conferences to the Jurisdictional Conferences. Each Jurisdictional Conference shall provide to the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns a panel of twelve names with biographical data from which four persons will be chosen by the Council of Bishops as voting delegates. Persons named to the panel shall represent consideration of quotas and balances required both by The United Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches. **To supplement the panel from the jurisdictions, if necessary in order to insure inclusiveness in the delegation (in the spirit of ¶ 805), the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns may recommend additional names to the Council of Bishops.** The Jurisdictional Conference may report order of selection or priority, if it desires. *Delegates and proxies are to be selected from the panel in any subsequent replacements during the quadrennium.*

(The two concluding paragraphs in old ¶ 2402.2 remain without change.)

Old ¶ 2403.3 becomes new ¶ 2402.3, amended as follows:

3. **The World Council of Churches.**

a) The United Methodist Church is a member of the World Council of Churches, its predecessor Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches having been charter members of such body. It should bear its proportionate share of financial support, and through the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund is authorized and directed to continue its support.

b) The representatives of The United Methodist Church to the Assembly and other agencies of the World Council of Churches shall be nominated **by the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and named** by the Council of Bishops *and elected by the General Conference,* due regard being given to geographical representation **and inclusiveness in the spirit of ¶ 805.3.** *When representatives must be chosen or vacancies must be filled between sessions of the General Conference, the Council of Bishops is authorized and instructed to do so.*

c) United Methodist support of the World Council of Churches shall be **remitted** *channeled* through the *Central Treasury and shall be directed by the* General Council on Finance and Administration **(in accordance with ¶ 917)**, which shall give due credit for United Methodist gifts and contributions received by the World Council of Churches and shall include them in its annual financial report to the Church.

Report No. 34

Petitions: AD1262

Subject: Affirm Membership in NCC/WCC

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 65; For 59; Against 6; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 240, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee voted concurrence to retain membership in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Report No. 35

Petitions: AD1264, AD1265, AD1266, AD1298, AD1307, AD1472, AD1487

Subject: Affirm Membership in WCC/NCC

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 241, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence because subject is covered in Report No. 34.

Report No. 36

Petitions: AD1569
Subject: Episcopal Address/Laity Address
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 61; For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 242, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee received the Episcopal Address and the Laity Address.

The committee recommends concurrence.

Report No. 37

Petitions: AD-GM1132, AD-CS1198, AD1315, AD1316, AD1338, AD1339, AD1344, AD1345, AD1354, AD1355, AD1357, AD1358, AD1360-1369, AD1371-1383, AD1384-1389, AD1391-1393, AD1395-1398, AD1400-1404
Subject: Withdraw from WCC/NCC
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 68; For 65; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 243, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since the material is covered in Report No. 33.

Report No. 38

Petitions: AD1409, AD1412-1415, AD1419-1423, AD-CS1456, AD1475, AD1476, AD1481, AD1482, AD1570
Subject: Withholding Financial Support WCC/NCC
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 68; For 64; Against 4; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 244, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since the material is covered in Report No. 33.

Report No. 39

Petitions: AD1334-1337, AD1340, AD1342-1343, AD1346-1353, AD1408, AD1410-1411, AD1417-1418
Subject: Withdraw from WCC
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 68; For 64; Against 2; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 245, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since the material is covered in Report No. 33.

Report No. 40

Petitions: AD1305, AD1311, AD1313-1314, AD1317-1333, AD1356, AD1359, AD1370, AD1390, AD1394, AD1405-1407, AD1416

Subject: Withdrawal from NCC/WCC

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 70; For 62; Against 2; Not Voting 2. (Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)

Calendar No. 246, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since the material is covered in Report No. 33.

Report No. 41

Petitions: AD1278

Subject: Interim Election of NCC Delegation

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 69; For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 247, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence to add a new ¶ 2408 to read:

Notwithstanding the above provisions of this chapter, should structural changes be voted between sessions of the General Conference by any of the above ecumenical bodies, necessitating election of a new group of United Methodist delegates, the Council of Bishops is authorized to elect such delegates as may be required.

Report No. 42

Petitions: AD1230

Subject: U.M. Representatives to Unit Committees and Working Groups

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 72; For 69; Against 3; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 248, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 43

Petitions: AD1009

Subject: United Methodist Representatives to the NCC

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 72; For 61; Against 9; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 249, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Subject covered by another petition.

Report No. 44

Petitions: AD1012
Subject: Annual Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 250, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence that ¶ 728 be revised as follows:

In ¶ 728.1 amend by deletion and addition:

1. Each Annual Conference shall create a conference Commission or Committee on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns to work with the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. The *agency* **commission or committee** will report each year to the conference in such manner as the conference may direct.

Amend ¶ 728.2 as follows:

2. It is recommended that this *organization* **commission or committee** be composed of two *persons* **United Methodists** from each district (complying with ¶ 706.4), one of whom shall be district coordinator for *ecumenical concerns*, **Christian unity and interreligious concerns** *a member of the district staff of the Council on Ministries*, and *a* **shall serve as** liaison *person* with local church work areas on Christian unity and interreligious concerns. *in the district. Other* **Additional** members may **include persons from The United Methodist Church or other member churches of the Consultation on Church Union as directed by the Conference to assure ecumenical expertise and interchange with other agencies.** *be added to provide expertise and useful interchange with other agencies, as the conference directs.* Any **United Methodist** member of the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the Governing Board of the National Council of **the** Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., **the World Methodist Conference,** or those who have been official United Methodist delegates to the most

recent World Council of Churches Assembly, **the World Methodist Conference,** or the plenary meeting of the Consultation on Church Union who reside within the conference bounds shall be ex-officio members.

Amend ¶ 728.3 as follows:

3. *The commission or committee shall organize in order to carry out its work effectively. The chairperson shall be a member of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries. and* **There** shall be a **representative of the commission who serves** *an ex-officio member of the conference representation* **as one of the conference representatives** to state councils or conferences of churches.

Amend ¶ 728.4e as follow:

e) *To nominate,* **To participate in the selection of conference delegates to state councils or conferences of churches, which participation may include nomination,** in cooperation with the conference nominating committee, for conference election *the delegates* to *state councils or conferences of churches* **these bodies;** *and to select* **the selecting of** representatives **to** district, area, and regional ecumenical **and interreligious** task groups and workshops; and *to be* **acting as** the body to which such delegates are accountable through the receiving of and action on their reports and recommendations.

Delete present ¶¶ 728.4f and g and combine and renumber:

(f) To promote and interpret the work of national and world ecumenical bodies such as the National and World Council of Churches and the Consultation on Church Union, and to provide leadership for specific ecumenical experiences of worship and reflections, such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pentecost Sunday, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and other appropriate occasions.

(g) To cooperate in and provide leadership for specific ecumenical experiences in worship and celebration, such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pentecost Sunday, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and other appropriate occasions.

New ¶ 728.4f (f and g combined) to read as follows:

(f) **To promote and interpret the work of national and world ecumenical bodies such as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the World Council of Churches, the Consultation on Church Union, and the World Methodist Council, and to cooperate in and provide leadership**

for specific ecumenical experiences of worship and celebration, such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pentecost Sunday, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and other appropriate occasions.

Report No. 45

Petitions: AD1013
Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 251, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Duplicate of petition already passed.

Report No. 46

Petitions: AD1089
Subject: General Agencies
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 252, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends that ¶ 801 be revised as follows:

¶ 801. *General Agencies.*—The general agencies of The United Methodist Church are the standing councils, boards, commissions *or* **and** committees **with ongoing responsibilities** which have been constituted by the General Conference. Not included are such commissions *or* **and** committees as are created by the General Conference to fulfill a special function within the ensuing quadrennium, ecumenical groups on which The United Methodist Church is represented, or committees related to the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference.

Report No. 47

Petitions: AD1119
Subject: Composition of General Agencies
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 73; For 68; Against 4; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 253, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Contradictory to already passed petition.

Report No. 48

Petitions: AD1250
Subject: John Street Trustee Report
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 254, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence, to receive the report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, page I-59.

Report No. 49

Petitions: AD1239
Subject: Election of Board of Trustees—John Street UMC
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 255, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence. Received the report of Nomination of Board of Trustees of John Street Church, New York City. The nominations are forwarded to General Conference for election as listed below:

1. The Resident Bishop of the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
2. Mrs. Betty Henderson
3. Mr. Raynor Rogers
4. Mrs. L. Rose Sen Yeun
5. Mr. Elmus Thompson, Sr.
6. Mr. George Williams
7. Mr. Gordon R. Brown
8. Col. William O. Elzay
9. Mr. William Staubach, Jr.

Report No. 50

Petitions: AD1001
Subject: Declaration of Union
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 56; For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 256, Adopted by a two-thirds majority May 11, 1984, Journal Page 441.

The committee recommends concurrence that Article I be amended as follows:
Amend ¶ 1, Article I by deleting the words "ecclesiastical and legal."

¶ 1. Article I. Declaration of Union.—The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church shall be united in one Church. The united Church, as thus constituted, is, and shall be, the *ecclesiastical and legal* successor of the two uniting churches.

Report No. 51

Petitions: AD1002
Subject: Affirm the Word "United" in Name of Denomination
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 56; For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 308, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence. The committee recommends affirming the word "United" in the name of the denomination.

Report No. 52

Petitions: AD1003
Subject: Delete "United" From Title
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 309, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Contrary to already approved petition.

Report No. 53

Petitions: AD1004
Subject: Name of United Methodist Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 58; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 310, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The committee felt no need to change the name of The United Methodist Church.

Report No. 54

Petitions: AD1005
Subject: Amend Statement on Inclusiveness of Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 311, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Essentials already embodied in Constitution.

Report No. 55

Petitions: AD1006
Subject: Titles to Properties
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 62; For 60; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 312, Adopted by a two-thirds majority, May 11, 1984, Journal Page 441.

The committee recommends concurrence that Article VI be amended as follows:

¶ 6. Article VI. Titles to Properties.—Titles to properties in The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church shall, upon consummation of the union, *automatically vest in The United Methodist Church* **be held and administered in accordance with the Book of Discipline.** Nothing in the Plan of Union at any time after the union is to be construed so as to require any local church or any other property owner of the former The Evangelical United Brethren Church or the former The Methodist Church to alienate or in any way to change the title to property contained in its deed or deeds at the time of union, and lapse of time or usage shall not affect said title or control.

Report No. 56

Petitions: AD1011
Subject: Conference Committee on Archives and History
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 65; For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 313, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends concurrence that ¶ 727 be revised as follows:
Amend ¶ 727.1 as follows:

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be a conference Commission on Archives and History. The commission shall be elected by the Annual Conference upon the nomination of its nominating committee. The number of members of the commission and their terms of office shall be as the conference may determine. It shall be the duty of the commission to cooperate with and report, when requested, to the General and Jurisdictional Commissions on Archives and History; to preserve the records of the Annual Conference **and of closed churches;** to collect and preserve data relating to the organization and history of the conference; to maintain a firesafe historical and archival depository and to see that all current items which obviously will have value for future history are preserved therein; to provide for

the ownership of real property and to receive gifts and bequests; to assist the bishop or the conference program committee in planning for the historical hour at Annual Conference sessions; and to encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their records and compiling their histories.

Report No. 57

Petitions: AD1022
Subject: Investment in United Methodist Development Fund
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 65; For 36; Against 26; Not Voting 2.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 314, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 441.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 58

Petitions: AD1031
Subject: Eliminate Acronyms
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 65; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 315, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 59

Petitions: AD1072
Subject: Reduce Size and Content of Book of Discipline
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 65; For 64; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 316, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 60

Petitions: AD1073
Subject: Reduce Size and Expense of Discipline
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 317, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 61

Petitions: AD1075
Subject: Release Misfits from Leadership Positions

Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 318, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 62

Petitions: AD1077
Subject: Shorten Reports to General Conference
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 61; Against 6; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 319, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 63

Petitions: AD1210, AD1211
Subject: Program and Fiscal Year of The United Methodist Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 320, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 64

Petitions: AD1188
Subject: Review of Staff Pension Plan
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 61; Against 5; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 416, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.
The committee recommends that ¶ 814 be revised by adding the following item 4 following item 3:
4. Provisions of the Staff Pension Plan shall be reviewed, with recommendations, by the Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices.

Report No. 65

Petitions: AD1225
Subject: Change Official Insignia of The United Methodist Church
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 63; Against 3; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 417, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Refer to United Methodist Communications for study and consideration.

Report No. 66

Petitions: AD1522

Subject: Biblical Imperative on Judicial Council Proceedings

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 418, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee votes nonconcurrence.

Report No. 67

Petitions: AD1038

Subject: Official Recognition of Methodist Organizations

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 63; For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 419, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee votes nonconcurrence as it would introduce new category of United Methodist Church organization.

Report No. 68

Petitions: AD1502

Subject: Eliminate Minimum Age Requirement for Conference Trustee

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 63; For 56; Against 7; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 420, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2510 be amended as follows:

Following the first sentence in ¶ 2510.1 amend the second line following the words, "consist of at least twelve persons, who must be," delete *at least thirty years of age*, add **the legal age as determined by law,** continue the sentence. It would then read:

¶ 2510.1. Each Annual Conference shall have a Board of Trustees, which shall be incorporated unless the conference is incorporated in its own name. In either case the board shall consist of twelve persons, who must be **the legal age as determined by law** and of whom six shall be ministers in the effective relation in the conference and six shall be lay members in good standing of local churches within the bounds of the conference, and such persons shall be directors of the corporation. (Paragraph continues as printed in the 1980 *Discipline.*)

Report No. 69

Petitions: AD1505
Subject: Conference Board of Trustees
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 421, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends that the present ¶ 2512 (relating to annual conference property) be renumbered as **¶ 2510.2.**

Report No. 70

Petitions: AD1506
Subject: Title of District Property
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 56; For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 422, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee votes concurrence to amend ¶ 2513 as follows:

2. The title of district property may be held in trust by a district Board of Trustees, of not fewer than three nor more than nine members having the same qualifications provided for trustees of local churches (¶ 2519), who shall be nominated by the district superintendent in consultation with the district nominating committee, if one exists, and elected by the District Conference. Where there is no District Conference, they may be elected by the district Board of Stewards or by the Annual Conference on nomination of the district superintendent. They shall be elected for a term of one year and serve until their successors shall have been elected, and shall report annually to the District Conference or Annual Conference. If the title to the district parsonage is not held by a district Board of Trustees, the same shall be held in trust by the trustees of the Annual Conference of which such district is a part, and such trustees shall report annually to the Annual Conference. Except as the laws of the state, territory, or country prescribe otherwise, district property held in trust by a district Board of Trustees may be mortgaged or sold and conveyed by them only by authority of the District Conference or Annual Conference, or if such property is held in trust by the trustees of the Annual Conference, it may be mortgaged or sold and conveyed by such trustees only by authority of the Annual Conference. **The District Conference, or Annual Conference in the case of property held in trust by the trustees of the Annual Conference, may include in the resolution authorizing such proposed action a direction that any contract, deed, bill of sale, mortgage, or other necessary**

written instrument may be executed by and on behalf of the respective Board of Trustees by any two of its officers, who thereupon shall be duly authorized to carry out the direction of the District Conference or Annual Conference; and any written instrument so executed shall be binding and effective as the action of the District Conference or Annual Conference. The purchase price and maintenance cost of a district parsonage shall be equitably distributed among the charges of the district by the district Board of Stewards.

Report No. 71

Petitions: AD1512

Subject: Responsibility of District Strategy Committee for Parish Development

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 62; For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 423, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2515 be revised as follows:

2. If there is a **district strategy committee for parish development or** a Metropolitan Commission (¶ 1530.5j) in the district, the board shall consider its recommendations in planning a strategy for continuing the service of The United Methodist Church in changing neighborhoods. If *not,* **no parish development committee or commission is operative,** the board shall study the duties assigned to *such a commission* **each** and seek ways to provide continuity of service in parishes where there is a change in the racial, ethnic, or cultural character of the residents to the end that the resolutions of the General Conference involving such neighborhoods be given careful consideration. **One member of the Board shall also have membership on the Strategy Committee or on the Commission.**

Report No. 72

Petitions: AD1513

Subject: Responsibilities of Board of Church Location and Building

Date: May 4, 1984

Membership 77; Present 67; For 64; Against 3; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 424, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2515 be amended by addition of the following item 3 after the present item 2:

3. **The Board of Church Location and Building shall investigate all proposed local church or parsonage buildings to**

determine the best method to make the structure energy efficient.

Report No. 73

Petitions: AD1514
Subject: Consideration of Solar Usage in Church Building
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 64; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 425, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee votes nonconcurrence. It is covered in another report.

Report No. 74

Petitions: AD1516, AD1517, AD1519
Subject: Trustees of Church Institutions
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 66; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 426, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2545 be revised as follows:

¶ 2545. Trustees of schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, homes, orphanages, institutes, and other institutions owned or controlled by **any Annual, Jurisdictional, or Central Conference or any agency of** The United Methodist Church shall be at least twenty-one years of age. At all times not less than three-fifths of them shall be members of **a local church and/or members of an Annual Conference or the Council of Bishops** of The United Methodist Church, and all must be nominated, confirmed, or elected by *some governing body* **such conference or agency** of the church or by some body or officer thereof to which or to whom this power has been delegated by *the governing body of the church* **such conference or agency;** provided that the number of trustees of any such institution owned or controlled by any Annual Conference or Conferences required to be members of **a local church and/or Annual Conference or the Council of Bishops of** The United Methodist Church may be reduced to not less than the majority by a three-fourths vote of such Annual Conference or Conferences; and provided further, that when an institution is owned and operated jointly with some other *denomination or* **religious** organization, said requirement that three-fifths of the trustees shall be members of **a local church and/or Annual Conference or the Council of Bishops of** The United Methodist Church shall apply only to the portion of the trustees *representing The United Methodist Church* **selected by**

the United Methodist agency or Annual, Jurisdictional, or Central Conference. It is recognized that there are numerous educational, health care, and charitable organizations which traditionally have been affiliated with The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations, which are neither owned nor controlled by any unit of the denomination.

Report No. 75

Petitions: AD1518
Subject: Composition of Trustees of Church Institutions
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 67; For 65; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 427, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Covered by action in Report No. 74.

Report No. 76

Petitions: AD1523, AD1524
Subject: Due Process Trials and Appeals
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 66; For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 428, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee voted to request the 1984 General Conference to refer petitions AD1523 and AD1524 to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, for study and report back to 1988 General Conference.

Report No. 77

Petitions: AD1536
Subject: Investigative Procedure
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 429, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2623 be amended as follows:

Amend ¶ 2623.1b as follows:

b) No charge shall be considered for any alleged offense which shall not have been committed within *two* **three** years immediately preceding the filing of the complaint.

Amend ¶ 2623.1f as follows:

f) The appropriate Committee on Investigation (¶¶ 2623.2, .3, .4) shall conduct the investigation, and if in the judgment of a

majority of the committee there is reasonable ground for such accusation, *they shall prepare and sign accusation*, they shall prepare and sign the proper charges (the general offense or offenses under ¶ 2621) and the specifications (the time, place, and specifics of events alleged to have taken place). They shall then forward a copy to the accused and to appropriate church officials (¶¶ 2623.2d, .3d,.4b).

Revise ¶ 2623.3 by adding and deleting the following words:

3. Investigation of a Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference **or a** Local Pastor., *or Diaconal Minister.*—a) There shall be a Committee on Investigation consisting of seven elders in full connection nominated by the presiding bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. Three reserve members shall also be elected.

b) If a ministerial member of an Annual Conference, **or a** local pastor, *or diaconal minister* shall be accused in writing of any of the offenses in ¶ 2621, the accused person's district superintendent shall within sixty days of receiving such accusation convene the Committee on Investigation. (If the accused is a district superintendent, the bishop shall appoint another district superintendent as convener.)

Insert new ¶ 2623.4 as follows and renumber current ¶ 2623.4 to become 2623.5.

4. Investigation of a Diaconal Minister.—a) There shall be a Committee on Investigation consisting of not less than three diaconal ministers nominated by the presiding bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. Two diaconal minister reserve members shall be elected.

b) When a Conference does not have sufficient diaconal ministers to elect the required minimum committee and an investigation is needed, the Bishop, in consultation with the College of Bishops, shall request members of Diaconal Committees on Investigation from other Conferences in the Jurisdiction in sufficient number to provide the required minimum committee (¶ 2623.4a) for conducting the investigation.

c) If a diaconal minister shall be accused in writing of any of the offenses in ¶ 2621, the accused person's district superintendent shall within 60 days of receiving such accusation convene the Committee on Investigation.

d) Any charges and specifications adopted (¶ 2622.1f) shall be sent to the accused, the Secretary of the Annual Conference, the accused person's district superintendent, and the presiding bishop.

e) If at least two-thirds of the Committee on Investigation so recommend, the bishop may suspend the accused from all professional responsibilities pending trial.

Report No. 78

Petitions: AD1537
Subject: Committee on Investigation
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 55; Against 1; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 430, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 476.

The committee recommends that ¶ 2623 be amended by the addition to ¶ 2623.3, following the last sentence, "Three reserve members shall also be elected": **None of the members or reserve members shall be members of the Joint Review Committee or the Board of Ordained Ministry. Should a member of the Committee on Investigation have been a party to any of the prior proceedings in a case which finally comes before the Committee, he/she shall be disqualified from sitting on the Committee during its consideration of that case, and his/her place shall be taken by a reserve member.**

Report No. 79

Petitions: AD1540
Subject: Committee on Investigation
Date: May 4, 1984
Membership 77; Present 62; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 431, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 3, May 8, 1984, Journal Pages 301, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence because it is addressed in Report No. 78.

Report No. 80

Petitions: AD1263
Subject: Leadership of James Armstrong
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 52; For 46; Against 0; Not Voting 6.
Calendar No. 603, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Two items concerning the National Council of Churches which have already been covered in other reports/actions.

Report No. 81

Petitions: AD1306
Subject: Study of WCC/NCCC by Council of Bishops

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 604, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence for a bishops' study of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, since it is already in process.

Report No. 82

Petitions: AD1477
Subject: UM Representation to NCCC
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 605, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence with proposal to change election process of United Methodist Church members to the National Council of Churches.

Report No. 83

Petitions: AD1274
Subject: Delete WCC/NCCC from Specific Reference in the Discipline
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 606, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

Committee voted nonconcurrence with proposal to delete specific references to the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches in the Discipline.

Report No. 84

Petitions: AD1279, AD1280, AD1281, AD1282, AD1283, AD1284, AD1285
Subject: Investigate Allegations Against WCC
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 607, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

Committee voted nonconcurrence since the subject was considered in other petitions already dealt with.

Report No. 85

Petitions: AD1296
Subject: Oppose Double Standards of Evaluation of WCC

Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 608, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

Committee voted nonconcurrence since similar petitions on the World Council of Churches had already been dealt with.

Report No. 86

Petitions: AD1286, AD1287, AD1288, AD1299, AD1303
Subject: Membership in WCC/NCCC Optional for Local Church
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 609, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence having already dealt with other petitions on same World Council of Churches/National Council of Churches issue.

Report No. 87

Petitions: AD1272, AD1273, AD1267, AD1276
Subject: Amend Funding Policies to WCC/NCCC
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 610, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence; already dealt with on other petitions concerning funding policies of the World Council of Churches.

Report No. 88

Petitions: AD1290
Subject: Military Chaplaincy
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 52; For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 611, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 503.

The committee voted to recommend to the General Conference the petition on status of military chaplaincy be referred to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Report No. 89

Petitions: CM-DS1124
Subject: Document "Words that Hurt/and Words That Heal"
Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 77; Present 48; For 47; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 612, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Dealt with in other reports. Assigned to Administrative Order and Independent Commissions since the petition dealt with the National Council of Churches lectionary rather than as title indicated.

Report No. 90

Petitions: AD-CM-AD1057, AD-CM-DS1123, AD-CM-DS1308
Subject: Oppose Inclusive Language
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 45; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 613, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 440.

The committee voted nonconcurrence, having already dealt with opposition to the inclusive language in other petitions.

Report No. 91

Petitions: AD1300, 1301, 1304, 1310, 1312
Subject: Reform in NCC
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 45; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 614, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Dealt with reform of the National Council of Churches in other reports.

Report No. 92

Petitions: AD1508
Subject: District Board of Church Location and Building
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 61; For 54; Against 2; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 615, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 503.

The committee voted to concur with the petition to amend ¶ 2514 as follows:

¶ 2514. There shall be in each district of an Annual Conference a District Board of Church Location and Building, consisting of the district superintendent, three ministers, and three lay persons, **and where possible should be inclusive of sex, race, age, and persons with handicapping conditions**, nominated by the district superintendent in consultation with the district nominating committee, if one exists, and elected annually by the Annual Conference; provided that in a district of great geographical extent an additional board may be so elected. The board shall file

a report of any actions taken with the Charge Conference of each local church involved, and the report so filed shall become a part of the minutes of the said conference or conferences. The board shall also make a written report to the District Conference (or if there is no District Conference, to the district superintendent), and this report shall become a part of the records of that conference.

Report No. 93

Petitions: AD1141

Subject: Require Quarterly Meeting of General Agencies/Executive Committee

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 43; For 41; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 616, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to require general agencies to hold quarterly meetings.

Report No. 94

Petitions: AD1535

Subject: Investigative Procedures

Date: May 5, 1984

Membership 77; Present 66; For 63; Against 3; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 617, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 476.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 2623.1f) as follows:

f) The appropriate Committee on Investigation (¶¶ 2623.2, .3, .4) shall conduct the investigation, and if in the judgment of a majority of the committee there is reasonable ground for such accusation, *they shall prepare and sign accusation*, they shall prepare and sign the proper charges (the general offense or offenses under ¶ 2621) and the specifications (the time, place, and specifics of events alleged to have taken place). They shall then forward a copy to the accused and to appropriate church officials (¶¶ 2623.2d, .3d, .4b).

Report No. 95

Petitions: AD1136, AD1137, AD1139, AD1140

Subject: Committee to Nominate Additional Members—General Agencies

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 43; For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 618, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the issue was dealt with previously and is reported in Report No. 118.

Report No. 96

Petitions: AD1117
Subject: General Agency Membership
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 34; Against 12; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 683, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 473.

The committee voted concurrence on amendments to ¶ 805 as follows:

Amend ¶ 805 by additions and deletions as indicated below:

¶ 805. General Agency Membership.—**All provisions pertaining to the nomination and election of general agency members shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of the General Conference which enacts them.** The following provisions shall govern the nomination and election of the voting membership of those general agencies to which the Jurisdictional Conferences elect members:

1. Nominations by Annual Conferences.—a) Each Annual and Missionary Conference **in the United States and Puerto Rico,** upon recommendation from a committee composed of the bishop and the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation, and having allowed opportunity for nominations from the floor, shall elect persons to be submitted to a jurisdictional pool from which the Jurisdictional Nominating Committee shall select persons for election to the following general agencies: General Council on Ministries; General Board of Church and Society; General Board of Discipleship; General Board of Global Ministries; General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; General Board of Pensions; General Board of Publication; *Standing* General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns; *the Standing* General Commission on Communication; *Standing* General Commission on the Status and Role of Women; and *Standing* General Comission on Religion and Race. **Jurisdictional Conferences may decide that persons elected by the Annual and Missionary Conferences in the United States and Puerto Rico for inclusion in the jurisdictional pool shall not serve as members of the Jurisdictional Nominating Committee.**

b) Each Annual and Missionary Conference **in the United States and Puerto Rico** shall nominate at least fifteen persons to the jurisdictional pool, including, where available, at least one and not more than five persons in each of the following *seven*

eight categories: (1) clergy (including at least one woman), (2) laywomen, (3) laymen, (4) racial and ethnic minority persons (at least one from each ethnic minority—Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American), (5) youth (¶ 262.2), (6) young adults (¶ 262.3), *and* (7) **older adults** (¶ 262.4), **and** (8) persons with a handicapping condition. No nominee shall be listed in more than one of these *seven* **eight** categories. Where possible, at least one clergy, one laywoman, and one layman nominated to the pool shall have been delegates to the previous General Conference (¶ 1007.1a).

c) All nominees shall list one to three preferences for agency membership. **In addition all nominees shall prepare an up to 100-word biographical statement listing experience, gifts, and training which qualify him/her for general agency membership.** Names **and biographical data** of all persons nominated by the Annual and Missionary Conferences **in the United States and Puerto Rico** but not elected by the jurisdiction shall be forwarded to the general agencies to be in a pool from which additional members may be elected (¶¶ 805.2c, 3b).

2. General Program Board Membership.—a) Basic Membership.—Each jurisdiction shall elect one person from each **of its** Annual and Missionary *Conference* **Conferences** to each program board. The jurisdiction membership on each program board shall incorporate one-third clergy (at least one of whom shall be a woman), one-third laymen, and one-third laywomen (with the exception of ¶ 1512.2), and shall ensure adequate representation of youth (¶ 262.2), *and* young adults (¶ 262.3), **and older adults** (¶ 262.4). The episcopal members shall not be counted in the computation of the clergy membership. In order to ensure adequate representation of racial and ethnic minority persons (Asian Americans, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans), it is recommended that at least 25 percent of a jurisdiction's membership on each general program board be racial and ethnic minority persons. Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of persons with a handicapping condition; **provided, however, that effective immediately, when a new Annual Conference or conferences are created by a Jurisdictional Conference and come into being following the Jurisdictional Conference each such new Annual Conference or conferences shall be authorized to elect one person directly to the General Council on Ministries and each general program board on which no person from the new Annual Conference has already been elected by the Jurisdictional Conference under the provisions of this paragraph.**

¶ 805.2b) would be continued without change. Amend ¶ 805.2c) as follows:

c) Additional Membership.—Additional members shall be elected by each general program board in order to bring into the board special knowledge or background and to perfect the representation of racial and ethnic minority persons, youth (¶ 262.2), young adults (¶ 262.3), **older adults** (¶ 262.4), persons with a handicapping condition, and distribution by geographic area. There shall not be less than five nor more than twelve additional members of each general program board. Such additional membership shall maintain the one-third layman, one-third laywomen, and one-third clergy balance.

Amend ¶ 805.3 and .4 as follows:

3. Other General Agencies.—a) Each Jurisdictional Conference shall elect members from the jurisdictional pool nominated by the Annual and Missionary Conferences **in the United States and Puerto Rico** (¶ 805.1) in accordance with the specific membership provisions of those agencies as set forth in the Book of Discipline: General Council on Ministries (¶ 1007), General Board of Pensions (¶ 1702.1a), General Board of Publication (¶ 1802), *Standing* General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (¶ 2006), *Standing* General Commission on Communication (¶ 1107), *Standing* General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (¶ 2204), and the *Standing* General Commission on Religion and Race (¶ 2103).

b) Episcopal and additional or at-large members, if any, of the general agencies listed in ¶ 805.3a shall be nominated and elected by the procedures specified in the paragraphs listed in ¶ 805.3a. The agencies shall consider, but not be limited to, names forwarded to them as having been nominated by the Annual and Missionary Conferences **in the United States and Puerto Rico** but not elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences to general agency membership.

4. The membership of **all** boards, committees, and agencies of The United Methodist Church, at the level of General and Jurisdictional Conferences and insofar as possible at the level of Annual and Missionary Conferences and local church, shall ensure adequate representation of racial and ethnic minority *members* **groups—Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, and Native American;** all such boards, committees, and agencies whose membership is set forth in the Discipline shall be authorized to elect as many additional members as necessary to meet this requirement. *The provision is effective immediately.*

Report No. 97

Petitions: AD1113, AD1114, AD1115, AD1116, AD1118, AD1130
Subject: Composition of General Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 43; For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 684, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence since action was taken on similar petitions and reported in Report No. 96.

Report No. 98

Petitions: AD1134
Subject: Composition of General Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 41; For 31; Against 7; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 685, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to the suggestion to change clergy women representation quotas on general agencies.

Report No. 99

Petitions: AD1133
Subject: Composition of General Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 40; For 38; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 686, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to the suggestion that election to general boards and agencies be by episcopal areas.

Report No. 100

Petitions: AD1146, AD1147
Subject: Membership of each Program Board
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 45; For 26; Against 14; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 687, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 473.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 809 by deleting everything after the first sentence.

¶ 809. Membership.—The membership of each program board shall be divided among the divisions or other subunits of the board in such number as the board determines. *The board may add to the membership of each division such additional division members as it deems appropriate, provided that the total number of additional division members not exceed 25 percent of the voting membership of the general board. Additional members of a division are not members of the general board.*

Report No. 101

Petitions: AD1129
Subject: Tenure of Clergy on Board or Agency
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 47; For 45; Against 1; Not Voting 1
Calendar No. 688, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480

Committee voted nonconcurrence on changing tenure of staff on general agencies.

Report No. 102

Petitions: AD1160, AD1159
Subject: Limit of Two Consecutive Terms of General Agency Staff
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 47; For 47; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Calendar No. 689, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 335-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the issue was already dealt with in Report No. 101.

Report No. 103

Petitions: AD-GM1109
Subject: Bishop as President of General Board of Global Ministries
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 47; For 47; Against 0 Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 690, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 335-337, 504.

Committee voted nonconcurrence to make a bishop Chief Executive Officer of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Report No. 104

Petitions: AD1158
Subject: General Agency Membership
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 47; For 43; Against 1; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 691, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 441

The committee voted nonconcurrence with petition that suggested directors of general boards and agencies choose not to serve on General Conference legislative committees which handle their agencies' legislation.

Report No. 105

Petitions: AD1157
Subject: General Agency Members as General Conference Delegates

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 47; For 41; Against 2; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 692, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence, as the matter was decided in Report No. 104.

Report No. 106

Petitions: AD1155
Subject: Provisions Pertaining to General Agency Membership
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 47; For 36; Against 5; Not Voting 6.
Calendar No. 693, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 474.

The committee voted concurrence with the proposal to amend ¶ 810 as follows:

Amend present ¶ 810.3 by adding the following sentence at the end of section 3: **A person who has been a voting member of general agencies for four consecutive quadrennia shall be ineligible for election to a general agency in the succeeding quadrennium. The foregoing shall not apply to episcopal members. This legislation shall take effect upon the close of the 1984 General Conference.**

¶ 810.4 would remain unchanged. Amend ¶ 810.5 by additions as follows:

5. A voting member of a general agency, by virtue of such membership, shall become a voting member of the corresponding agency **or its equivalent structure** of the Annual Conference, unless such membership would conflict with ¶ 708.2b)(2) **or** ¶ 723.1. This provision shall not apply to episcopal members of general agencies nor to salaried Annual Conference staff who are members of a general agency, unless such voting membership is specifically provided by another provision of the Discipline or by action of the Annual Conference. **If this results in a person being a member of more than one Annual Conference agency in violation of either Annual Conference policy or another provision of the Book of Discipline, the person shall choose the Annual Conference agency on which he or she prefers to serve.** (¶ 810.6-.7 would remain unchanged.)

Delete the present ¶ 810.8, and substitute a new paragraph in its place.

8. When an ordained minister who has been elected as a representative of a jurisdiction to a general agency is transferred

to an Annual Conference in another jurisdiction, or a lay person who has been so elected changes legal residence to another jurisdiction, that person shall cease to be a member of that agency at the time of transfer or removal. The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the appropriate provision of the Discipline. If any member of a general or jurisdictional agency who was chosen to represent a certain Annual Conference shall remove residence permanently from such Annual Conference, that member's place shall automatically become vacant.

8.a) If any clergy member of a general or jurisdictional agency who was elected to represent a certain Annual Conference ceases to be a member of that Annual Conference, or if any lay member so elected changes permanent residence to a place outside the bounds of that Annual Conference, that member's place shall automatically become vacant.

b) If any clergy member of a general agency who was chosen to represent a certain jurisdiction ceases to be a member of an Annual Conference in that jurisdiction, or if any lay member so elected changes permanent residence to a place outside the bounds of that jurisdiction, that member's place shall automatically become vacant.

c) If any clergy member of a jurisdictional agency ceases to be a member of an Annual Conference in that jurisdiction, or if any lay member so elected changes permanent residence to a place outside the bounds of that jurisdiction, that member's place shall automatically become vacant.

Amend ¶ 810.9 as follows:

9. If a member of a general agency is absent from two consecutive *regular* meetings **of the agency** without a reason acceptable to the agency, that person shall cease to be a member thereof. In that case the person shall be so notified, and that place shall be filled in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Discipline.

Amend ¶ 810.10 by adding a new sentence as follows:

10. When a bishop is unable to attend a meeting of an agency of which that bishop is a member, that bishop may name another bishop to attend that meeting with the privilege of vote. **When an alternate to a Central Conference bishop must be named, that alternate shall be another Central Conference bishop.**

Report No. 107

Petitions: AD1154

Subject: Provisions Pertaining to General Agency Membership

Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 47; for 44; Against 3; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 694, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence, as the matter was decided in Report No. 106.

Report No. 108

Petitions: AD1152
Subject: Native American Membership on General Agencies
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 51; For 46; Against 4; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 695, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to the petition to make Native American membership on general boards and agencies mandatory.

Report No. 109

Petitions: AD1151
Subject: Composition of General Program Boards
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 51; For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 696, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the subject was covered in Report No. 100.

Report No. 110

Petitions: AD1149
Subject: Composition of General Program Boards
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 51; For 51; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 697, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337,504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the suggestion was contrary to action taken on Report No. 100 on additional members to general agencies.

Report No. 111

Petitions: AD1148
Subject: Composition of General Boards
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 51; For 48; Against 1; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 698, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee votes nonconcurrence as contrary to action already taken in Report No. 100.

Report No. 112

Petitions: AD1142

Subject: Board Organization

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 43; For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 699, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted concurrence on the proposed amendments to ¶ 808:

2. Each program board shall elect chairpersons for its divisions **and program departments** from the voting membership of the board. The divisions **and program departments** shall elect a vice-chairperson, a secretary, and such other officers as it deems appropriate.

3. Terms of officers of boards, *and* divisions **and program departments** shall be for the quadrennium or until their successors are elected.

4. No person shall serve as president or chairperson of more than one general agency or division **or program department** thereof.

Report No. 113

Petitions: AD1144, AD1143

Subject: Board Organization—General Agencies

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 43; For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 700, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence, since titles of departments were decided in Report No. 112.

Report No. 114

Petitions: AD1145

Subject: Organization of Program Boards

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 43; For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 701, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee concurred to amend ¶ 808 as follows:

In ¶ 808.1 add the words **provided that all officers shall be members of The United Methodist Church** at the end. It will then read:

¶ 808. *Board Organization.*—1. Each program board shall elect a president and one or more vice-presidents from the voting membership of the board, and a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as it deems appropriate, **provided that all officers shall be members of The United Methodist Church.**

Report No. 115

Petitions: AD1153

Subject: Provisions Pertaining to General Agency Membership

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 702, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted concurrence with the amendment to ¶ 810 as follows:

¶ 810. *Provisions Pertaining to General Agency Membership.*—1. Members of all general agencies shall be members of The United Methodist Church **except as provided in ¶ 805.2.**

Report No. 116

Petitions: AD1275, AD1277

Subject: Ecumenical Concerns

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 52; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 703, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted to recommend to General Conference that the petitions on new ecumenical relationships be referred to the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

Report No. 117

Petitions: AD1121, AD1122, AD1123, AD1124, AD1125, AD1126, AD1127, AD1128, AD1129, AD1131, AD1132

Subject: Composition of General Agencies

Date: May 6, 1984

Membership 77; Present 43; For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 704, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence since action had been taken on similar petition reported in Report No. 96.

Report No. 118

Petitions: AD1138
Subject: Committee to Nominate Additional Members
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 45; For 41; Against 2; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 705, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 473.

The committee voted concurrence that ¶ 806 be revised as follows:

Amend ¶ 806.2-.3 by additions and deletions as shown below; ¶ 806.1 would remain unchanged.

2. An active bishop designated by the president of the Council of Bishops shall convene the committee as soon as practical after jurisdictional elections have been completed. The committee shall consider, but not be limited to, names forwarded to it by the jurisdictions as having been nominated by the Annual and Missionary Conferences **in the United States and Puerto Rico to their jurisdictional pool** *but not elected by the Jurisdictional Conference to general program board membership,* as well as names from caucuses and other appropriate groups. **To aid the committee, biographical data submitted by the Annual Conferences (in ¶ 805.1c) shall be made available from the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary. In addition, general agencies shall submit to the committee names and biographical data of persons eligible for reelection and who are willing to serve.**

3. The committee shall complete its work prior to the **organizational** *first* meeting (¶ 807) of **any of** the **agencies listed in** ¶ 806.1 *new program agency or the General Council on Ministries* and report by mail to the previously elected members of **each of those agencies** *the agency or the General Council on Ministries* **the names of persons nominated as additional members of that agency.** All members shall be elected and seated before **an** *the program* agency *or council* proceeds to the election of officers or any other business.

These nominating procedures shall go into effect immediately following the 1980 General Conference.

Report No. 119

Petitions: AD1289
Subject: Membership in the International Christian Federation for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
Date: May 6, 1984
Membership 77; Present 52; For 47; Against 3; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 706, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted to recommend to the General Conference to refer the petition on membership in the International Christian Federation for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Addiction to the General Board of Church and Society.

Report No. 120

Petitions: AD1509, AD1511
Subject: District Board of Church Location and Building
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 62; For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 707, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 9, 1984, Journal Pages 336-337, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence because of previous action taken in Report No. 73.

Report No. 121

Petitions: AD1106
Subject: Question Need for Missional Priority
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1023, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as issue was addressed in the General Council on Ministries report.

Report No. 122

Petitions: AD1088
Subject: UM Group to Meet with Alienated Persons
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1024, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to the setting up of a special committee to meet with discontented persons.

Report No. 123

Petitions: AD1076
Subject: Remove Provisions Citing Age as a Limiting Factor
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 57; For 55; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1025, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as provisions already in the Discipline care for the matter.

Report No. 124

Petitions: AD1171
Subject: Program and Other Assistance to Central Conferences
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1026, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted concurrence with amending ¶ 818 as follows:

¶ 818. The General Board of Global Ministries, through its World Division, shall facilitate and coordinate the program relationships of other program agencies of The United Methodist Church with colleague churches and agencies in nations other than the United States. The resources of the General Board of Global Ministries shall also be available to the Council of Bishops in the implementation of their responsibilities as defined in ¶ 512.2 and ¶ 512.3.

Central Conferences of the United Methodist Church may request program and other assistance through direct relationships with the program agencies of The United Methodist Church.

Report No. 125

Petitions: AD1195
Subject: General Funds Used in Annual Conference
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 58; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1027, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 817 as follows:

¶ 817. All general funds administered by any general agency of The United Methodist Church which are proposed to be used for funding a program within an Annual Conference shall be disbursed after consultation with the presiding bishop, **the conference council director,** and the Council on Ministries of that Annual Conference. **Consultation, in matters of funding and relationships among various agencies, conferences, and other bodies of the Church, requires communication, including written documentation, in which each party reveals plans and intents in such a way as to assure dialogue and mutual awareness, even if not agreement.**

Report No. 126

Petitions: AD1197
Subject: Administration of General Agency Funds

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 55; Against 2; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1028, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Issue was dealt with in Report No. 124.

Report No. 127

Petitions: AD1208
Subject: Disbursement of General Agency Funds
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1029, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Issue resolved in Report No. 125.

Report No. 128

Petitions: AD1032, AD1194, AD1195, AD1196, AD1198, AD1199, AD1200, AD1201, AD1202, AD1203, AD1204, AD1205, AD1207, AD1209
Subject: Restriction on Disbursement of Funds
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1030, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the issue was dealt with in Report No. 124.

Report No. 129

Petitions: AD1503
Subject: Investment Policies of Annual Conference Board of Trustees
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1031, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to a suggestion to direct how Annual Conference Boards of Trustees shall invest their funds.

Report No. 130

Petitions: AD1178
Subject: No Funds for Agency Staff/Board Members to Attend General Conference

Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 48; Against 10; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1032, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 131

Petitions: AD1040, AD1112
Subject: Expense Accounts and Alcohol
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1033, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.
The committee voted to recommend to the General Conference to refer these two petitions on expense accounts and alcohol to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Report No. 132

Petitions: AD1110
Subject: Accountability of Expenditures
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1034, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.
The committee voted concurrence to retain the practice of financial disclosure reports from general boards and agencies.

Report No. 133

Petitions: AD1111
Subject: Expenditure of Funds
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 57; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1124, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.
The committee voted nonconcurrence on the petition; felt issue was already covered in the Discipline.

Report No. 134

Petitions: AD1027
Subject: Prohibit General Board Class Action Suits Without Vote of Directors
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 56; Against 3; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1125, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 135

Petitions: AD1180
Subject: Provisions Pertaining to Staff
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 57; For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1126, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 814 as follows: Amend present ¶ 814 by deleting present ¶ 814.5 in its entirety and making editorial deletions and additions as indicated below. The remaining subsections of present ¶ 814 would be unchanged except for renumbering. ¶¶ 814.1 and .2 would not change.

3. *Effective May 1, 1980,* Normal retirement with full pension benefit for all general agency staff personnel shall be at age sixty-five or the completion of forty years of service to The United Methodist Church in an elective, appointive, or employed capacity. Mandatory retirement shall be at age seventy. An employee may elect to retire at any time after attaining age sixty-two or completing thirty-seven years of service. Employees electing to retire early shall have their pension benefit reduced actuarially.

5. Applicants for executive staff positions shall be considered on the basis of their qualifications and in keeping with the nondiscriminatory policies of The United Methodist Church.

5. *The* **All** general *secretary* **secretaries, deputy and** associate general secretaries, and assistant general secretaries of all general agencies shall be members of The United Methodist Church. This provision shall not apply to persons employed prior to the 1976 General Conference.

Report No. 136

Petitions: AD1191
Subject: Tenure of General Board Staff
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 37; Against 18; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1127, Tabled May 11, 1984, Journal Page 474.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 814.1 to delete the word *clergy* from the first sentence after the words "No elected"; the sentence shall then read:

No elected staff shall hold the same position more than 12 years.

Report No. 137

Petitions: AD1212, AD1190, AD1156, AD1185, AD1187, AD1186
Subject: Terms of Elected Staff
Date:May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 52; Against 1; Not Voting 5.
Calendar No. 1128, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Issue decided in Report No. 136.

Report No. 138

Petitions: AD1165
Subject: Election of General Secretary of Each General Program Agency
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 35; Against 23; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1129, Defeated May 11, 1984, Journal Page 474.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 813 as printed:

¶ 813. Each general program agency shall elect its general secretary/general secretariat annually by ballot. The election procedures of an agency shall be approved by the General Council on Ministries. In the case of extraordinary exception to the procedures approved by the Council, and after appropriate consultation with the officers of the agency involved, the Council may in the case of a procedural violation recommend to the agency suspension or a removal of a general secretary/general secretariat. Each program board shall elect annually by ballot its associate general secretary(ies) and deputy general secretaries and may elect or appoint such other staff as may be necessary.

(This legislation shall become effective immediately upon the adjournment of General Conference.)

Report No. 139

Petitions: AD1163, AD1164, AD1169, AD1170, AD1172, AD1173, AD1174, AD1175, AD1176, AD1177, AD1167, AD1168
Subject: Election of General Secretary of General Program Agency
Date: May 7, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; for 47; Against 9; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1130, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence due to action taken in Report No. 138.

Report No. 140

Petitions: AD1464

Subject: Election of Staff by General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 77; Present 57; For 39; Against 17; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1131, No action taken.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 2208 as follows:

Staff.—The standing general commission shall *nominate for election by the General Council on Ministries* **elect a** general secretariat or general secretary who shall provide executive, administrative, and program staff leadership (¶ 813). The **general** commission shall elect such other staff members as needs require within the General Conference mandates and the authority vested in the **general** commission to develop policies and programs directed toward the realization of its purpose.

Report No. 141

Petitions: AD1068, AD1070, AD1043, AD1071, AD1065, AD1062, AD1042, AD1058, AD1063, AD1049, AD1050, AD1051, AD1059, AD1064, AD1053, AD1054, AD1056, AD1061

Subject: Prohibitions of Homosexuals from Positions of Leadership

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 77; Present 58; For 45; Against 10; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1132, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Issue was decided in the General Conference Plenary Session on May 7, 1984.

Report No. 142

Petitions: AD1253

Subject: Change of Title of Executive Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 77; Present 57; For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1133, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 1907 by substituting as follows:

¶ 1907. Staff.—The commission shall elect a general secretary and such other staff as may be needed. The *executive* **general** secretary shall be the executive and administrative officer and shall carry on the work of the commission, keep the records and

minutes, serve as editor of official publications of the commission, supervise the depositories, make an annual report to the commission, and furnish such reports as are required to the General Conference and General Conference agencies. The general secretary shall attend meetings of the commission and the executive committee and have the privilege of the floor without vote. Archivists, curators, and librarians employed by the commission shall be responsible to the general secretary. They shall attend meetings of the commission and the executive committee when it is deemed necessary by the general secretary. When in attendance, they shall have the privilege of the floor without vote.

Report No. 143

Petitions: AD1184

Subject: Dismissal of Agency Staff Who Have Not Been Faithful to Ethical Standards of The United Methodist Church

Date: May 7, 1984

Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1134, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 144

Petitions: AD1037

Subject: No Legal Sanctions Against Persons Refusing to Promote Homosexuals

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 59; For 53; Against 5; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1135, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Issue already decided in May 7, 1984, General Conference Plenary Session.

Report No. 145

Petitions: AD1135

Subject: Limitation on Years of Service Outside Local Church

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 59; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1136, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 146

Petitions: AD1074

Subject: Reduce Staff and Expense of General Agencies

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1137, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to reduce staff and expense of general agencies.

Report No. 147

Petitions: AD1036
Subject: Limiting General/Annual Conference Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Agencies Membership
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 56; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1138, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 148

Petitions: AD1183
Subject: Criteria for Hiring Personnel
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 55; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1139, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Other provisions cover the criteria for hiring personnel.

Report No. 149

Petitions: AD1192, AD1193
Subject: Records of General Agency Advocacy Roles, Coalitions and Affiliate Groups
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1140, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend present ¶ 816 with the following addition:

¶ 816. Each general agency shall keep a continuous record of its advocacy roles, coalitions **and affiliate groups**, supported by membership or funds, and endorsement or opposition of federal or state legislation. Information concerning these activities shall be available to United Methodist churches upon request.

Report No. 150

Petitions: AD1179
Subject: Provisions Pertaining to Staff

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 54; Against 1; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1177, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence with the petition to delete ¶ 814.1.

Report No. 151

Petitions: AD1504
Subject: Episcopal Residence
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 32; For 32; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1178, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee recommends concurrence to amend ¶ 2511 to reflect changes consistent with new legislation governing episcopal housing proposed to the 1984 General Conference; add a paragraph title.

¶ 2511. **Episcopal Residence.**—When authorized by two-thirds of the Annual Conferences comprising an episcopal area, an episcopal residence for the resident bishop may be acquired, *which shall be under the management and control of, and* the title to which shall be held in trust by the trustees of the Annual Conference within which the residence is located.*; and the purchase price and maintenance cost thereof shall be equitably distributed by the trustees among the several conferences in the area.* Any such property so acquired and held shall not be sold or disposed of except with the consent of a majority of the conferences that participate in the ownership. **Whenever there is a plan to sell an episcopal residence or to transfer an annual conference from one episcopal area to another, that plan shall include provision for safeguarding each conference's equity, if any, in an episcopal residence; except that an annual conference, by its own decision, may relinquish its claims to an equity interest in an episcopal residence.** *Should an annual conference contribute to the purchase of an episcopal residence and later be transferred to an area not owning one, if it shall ask payment for its equity, such claim shall not be denied.*
(This provision shall be in effect at the close of the 1984 General Conference.)

Report No. 152

Petitions: AD1181, AD1182
Subject: Provisions Pertaining to Staff
Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1179, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 814 as follows: Amend present ¶ 814 by deleting present ¶ 814.5 in its entirety and making editorial deletions and additions as indicated below. The remaining subsections of present ¶ 814 would be unchanged except for renumbering. ¶¶ 814.1 and .2 would not change.

3. *Effective May 1, 1980,* Normal retirement with full pension benefit for all general agency staff personnel shall be at age sixty-five or the completion of forty years of service to The United Methodist Church in an elective, appointive, or employed capacity. Mandatory retirement shall be at age seventy. An employee may elect to retire at any time after attaining age sixty-two or completing thirty-seven years of service. Employees electing to retire early shall have their pension benefit reduced actuarially.

5. Applicants for executive staff positions shall be considered on the basis of their qualifications and in keeping with the nondiscriminatory policies of The United Methodist Church.

6. *The* **All** general *secretary* **secretaries, deputy and** associate general secretaries, and assistant general secretaries of all general agencies shall be members of The United Methodist Church. This provision shall not apply to persons employed prior to the 1976 General Conference.

Amend ¶ 814.9 as follows:
9. All management staff persons of general agencies and commissions shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love the Church **and are committed to the oneness of the body of Christ,** are morally disciplined and loyal to the ethical standards of The United Methodist Church as set forth in the Social Principles, and are competent to administer the affairs of a general agency.

Report No. 153

Petitions: AD1029
Subject: Creation of Investments Advisory Board
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 38; For 36; Against 1; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1180, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on the suggestion to set up an advisory board to advise boards and agencies on investments.

Report No. 154

Petitions: AD1493
Subject: Indian Lands Used by The United Methodist Church
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 38; For 38; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1181, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 440.

The committee recommends to General Conference to refer to the General Board of Global Ministries this petition on use and proper disposition of Indian lands used by general agencies for mission purposes.

Report No. 155

Petitions: AD-CN1178
Subject: Lectureship Series in the Name of Bishop Matthews
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 38; For 23; Against 11; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 1182, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 440.

The committee recommends to the General Conference that the suggestion for a lectureship in the name of Bishop Marjorie Matthews be referred to the General Commission on Archives and History.

Report No. 156

Petitions: AD1520
Subject: Temporary Vacancies in Judicial Council
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1183, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to amend ¶ 2605 to change the process for filling Judicial Council vacancies.

Report No. 157

Petitions: AD1438
Subject: Affirmative Action
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1184, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee recommends to General Conference the resolution to affirm action of the 1980 General Conference:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church reaffirm its 1980 resolution in support of affirmative action and recognize the need to utilize all the talents of minorities to strengthen the health of the whole society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1984 General Conference mandate intentional implementation of affirmative action programs and procedures in general church boards and agencies, conferences, districts, local churches and church-related institutions;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that **the General Commission on Religion and Race,** through its leadership in the area of affirmative action in elimination of racism in structure, continue to monitor affirmative action program processes in an effort to lead The United Methodist Church toward a more inclusive society.

Report No. 158

Petitions: AD1017

Subject: Retain Mandatory Status of Conference Commissions on Religion and Race

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1185, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee concurred with the suggestion to retain the mandatory status of conference Commissions on Religion and Race.

Report No. 159

Petitions: AD1500

Subject: Conference Board of Trustees

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1186, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee concurred to amend ¶ 2510.2 as follows:

2. The said corporation shall receive, collect, and hold in trust for the benefit of the Annual Conference any and all donations, bequests, and devises of any kind or character, real or personal, that may be given, devised, bequeathed, or conveyed to the said board or to the Annual Conference as such for any benevolent, charitable, or religious purpose, and shall administer the same and the income therefrom in accordance with the directions of the donor, trustor, or testator, and in the interest of the church, society, institution, or agency contemplated by such donor, trustor, or testator, under the direction of the Annual Conference. **The Annual Conference may include in any resolution authorizing proposed action regarding Annual Conference property a direction that any contract, deed, bill of sale,**

mortgage, or other necessary written instrument be executed by and on behalf of the Annual Conference Board of Trustees by any two of its officers, who thereupon shall be duly authorized to carry out the direction of the Annual Conference; and any written instrument so executed shall be binding and effective as the action of the Annual Conference. The board shall have the power to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, transfer, and convey any and all funds and properties which it may hold in trust, subject always to the terms of the legacy, devise, or donation; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to churches, colleges, camps, conference grounds, orphanages, or incorporated boards. The conference Board of Trustees is encouraged to invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or funds that make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals of the Social Principles of our Church. When the use to be made of any such donation, bequest, or devise is not otherwise designated, the same shall be used as directed by the Annual Conference. Funds committed to this board may be invested by it only in collateral that is amply secured and after such investments have been approved by the said board or its agency or committee charged with such investment, unless otherwise directed by the Annual Conference.

Report No. 160

Petitions: AD1496

Subject: All Titles in Trust

Date: May 8, 1964

Membership 77; Present 46; For 46; Against 0; Not Voting 0. *Calendar No. 1187, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 4, May 10, 1964, Journal Pages 302, 303.*

The committee voted to amend ¶ 2501 as follows:

In consonance with the legal definition and self-understanding of The United Methodist Church (new proposed paragraph after ¶ 1101, and with particular reference to its lack of capacity to hold title to property, The United Methodist Church is organized as a connectional structure, and titles to all properties held at General, Jurisdictional, Annual, or District Conference levels, or by a local church or charge, or by an agency or institution of the Church, shall be held in trust for The United Methodist Church and subject to the provisions of its Discipline. Titles are not held by "The United Methodist Church" (see ¶ 906.7) or by "The General Conference of The United Methodist Church," but instead by the incorporated conferences, agencies, or organizations of the denomination, or in the case of unincorporated bodies of the denomination, by

boards of trustees established for the purpose of holding and administering property.

Report No. 161

Petitions: AD1491
Subject: Instituting and Defending Civil Action
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 40; For 38; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1188, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to add a new paragraph inserted immediately following the present ¶ 2507 to read as follows:

¶ ____. Instituting and Defending Civil Action.—Because of the nature of The United Methodist Church (new proposed paragraph after ¶ 110) no individual or affiliated church body or unit, nor any official thereof, may commence or participate in any suit or proceeding in the name of or on behalf of The United Methodist Church, excepting, however, the following:

1. Any person or church unit served with legal process in the name of The United Methodist Church may appear for the purpose of presenting to the court the non-jural nature of The United Methodist Church and to raise issues of lack of jurisdiction of the court, lack of capacity of such individual or unit to be served with process, and related Constitutional issues in defense of denominational interests.

2. Any denominational unit authorized to hold title to property and enforce trusts for the benefit of the denomination may bring suit in its own name to protect denominational interests.

Report No. 162

Petitions: AD1499
Subject: The Methodist Corporation
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 39; For 39; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1189, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted to amend ¶ 2509 by deleting ¶ 2509.1 and the beginning phrase of 2509.2, now obsolete; the deleted portion reads as follows:

1. The Methodist Corporation as constituted at the present time shall be continued through December 31, 1976.

2. **1.** *Beginning January 1, 1977, the* **The** General Council on Finance and Administration shall be the successor to all right,

title, and interest in and to all assets of The Methodist Corporation for the following purposes: to hold, to manage, and/or to liquidate such assets if and when it concludes that it is not in the best interest of The United Methodist Church to undertake a development of or further holding of the property.

(¶ 2509.3-.4 would be unchanged and renumbered as .2-.3.)

Report No. 163

Petitions: AD1490
Subject: Financial Obligations
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1190, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted to add a new paragraph after the paragraph recommended in Report No. 161 as follows:

¶ 25____. Financial Obligations.—No conference, council, board, agency, local church, or other unit can financially obligate the denomination or, without prior specific consent, any other organizational unit thereof.

Report No. 164

Petitions: AD1489, AD1492
Subject: Establishment of Annual Conference Foundation
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 38; For 37; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1191, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted to recommend a new ¶ 2511 as follows:

¶ 2511.—An Annual Conference or Conferences may establish a foundation. The purposes for establishing such a foundation may include:

1. providing the services described in ¶ 2510.2 as designated by the donor or at the direction of the Conference Board of Trustees;

2. the promotion of planned giving programs on behalf of local churches, conference and general church boards and agencies;

3. other responsibilities as determined by the Annual Conference. The foundation shall have a governing board as determined by the Annual Conference.

The governing board will establish policies upon which the foundation will operate.

Renumber ¶ 2511 to become ¶ 2512 and ¶ 2512 to become ¶ 2513.

Report No. 165

Petitions: AD1488

Subject: Camps, Conference Grounds, and Retreat Centers

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 38; For 38; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1192, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee agreed to recommend adding a new paragraph after present ¶ 2511, dealing with titles to conference and district camp properties.

¶ 25____. Camps, Conferences Grounds, and Retreat Centers.—Title to Annual Conference or district camps, conference grounds, and retreat centers held in trust by an incorporated board or agency of an Annual Conference or district, or by an unincorporated board, commission, society, or similar body of the conference or district, can be mortgaged or sold and conveyed by such corporation or unincorporated body only after authorization by the Annual or District Conference to which such body is related.

Report No. 166

Petitions: AD1437, AD1439

Subject: Affirmation of Joseph E. Lowery and Certain Organizations

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 35; For 35; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1193, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee concurred with the affirmation of Joseph E. Lowery and appreciation of certain organizations.

Whereas, Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, has shared with the church, the nation, and the world his courageous prophetic gifts and his commitment to racial and social justice; and

Whereas, we take pride in the fact that Dr. Joseph E. Lowery is a United Methodist,

Be It Resolved, that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church express its appreciation and affirmation of the leadership of Dr. Joseph E. Lowery.

Whereas, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Urban League, Operation People United to Serve Humanity, the Congressional Black Caucus and many other religious, civic, social, and fraternal organizations are doing much to improve the

social and economic conditions of blacks and all persons of this land,

Be It Resolved, that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church offer congratulations and appreciation for the significant accomplishments of these organizations.

Report No. 167

Petitions: AD1090, AD1091
Subject: Meaning of Term "Agency"
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 34; For 34; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1194, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 5, May 10, 1984, Journal Pages 401, 504.

The committee voted to add a new ¶ 801.1, consisting of a definition of the term "agency," and amend present ¶ 801 as shown below and renumber it as ¶ 801.2:

¶ 801. **Agencies and** General Agencies.—**1. The term "agency," wherever it appears in the Book of Discipline, is a term used to describe the various councils, boards, commissions, committees, divisions, or other units constituted within the various levels of church organization (General, Jurisdictional, Central, Annual, District, and Charge Conferences) under authority granted by the Book of Discipline; the term does not and is not meant to imply a master-servant or principal-agent relationship between these bodies and the conference or other body which creates them, except where the authority is specifically granted.**

2. The general agencies of The United Methodist Church are the regularly established councils, boards, commissions, *or* committees, **or other units** which have been constituted by the General Conference. Not included are such commissions or committees as are created by the General Conference to fulfill a special function within the ensuing quadrennium, ecumenical groups on which The United Methodist Church is represented, or committees related to the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference. **The term "general agency" or "agency" wherever it appears in the Book of Discipline in reference to a general agency, does not and is not meant to imply a master-servant or principal-agent relationship between such a body and the General Conference or any other unit of the denomination, or the denomination as a whole.**

Report No. 168

Petitions: AD1260, AD1261, AD1268, AD1269, AD1270, AD1271
Subject: Accountability of the NCCC

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1201, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the issue had been covered in a previous report.

Report No. 169

Petitions: AD1292
Subject: Resolution on Mutual Recognition of Members
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 35; Against 16; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1202, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 440.

The committee recommends concurrence with the resolution which follows:

Introduction. The General Conferences of 1976 and 1980 adopted affirmations of the basic Consultation on Church Union principle of mutual recognition of memberships based on baptism. All other member churches have done the same. Now as the Consultation is moving forward on further implications of theological consensus, mutual recognition, covenanting together and eventual reconciliation, The United Methodist Church wishes to join with other churches in moving from affirmation to action.

The plenary of the Consultation on Church Union in November 1984 will focus on the new theological statement of consensus, the implications of a developing covenant toward unity (that is expected to be before the General Conference of 1988) and liturgical expressions of both. These emphases are related to the new World Council of Churches statement on *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry* currently being reviewed and responded to by United Methodists.

We have a stake in the faithful discipleship of other communions. Other churches have a stake in the faithful discipleship of The United Methodist Church. For it is the Church of Jesus Christ that is called to share in mission and ministry for the world. God's covenant is with the whole People of God. A concurrent expression of United Methodist seriousness in the cause of Christian unity is needed. Clear visible evidence that we understand ourselves to be part of the Body of Christ is needed.

Be It Resolved: That participation with voice in United Methodist governing bodies and agencies and the joining in our liturgical celebrations by representatives from other communions are both symbols of the oneness of the Church of which we are a part and signs to others of our ecumenical seriousness.

To manifest our integrity as part of the Church of Jesus Christ, several items of legislation are proposed to the General Conference, including the permissive inclusion (outside of quota requirements) of representatives from other communions in General Conference, Annual Conferences, General and Conference boards and other agencies. This resolution supplements that legislation with specific recommendations which relate to annual conferences and local churches, namely:

1. That United Methodist Annual Conferences be empowered, encouraged, and enabled to invite official representatives from other denominations, especially from member churches of the Consultation on Church Union, to their sessions and committees with voice and that United Methodist judicatory leaders nominate representatives to the official church bodies of other denominations where invited to do so.

2. That representatives of other denominations be invited to participate in the laying on of hands in annual conference ordination ceremonies, symbolizing the catholicity of our ministry.

3. That Annual Conference Commissions on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and Conference Councils on Ministries be alert to and consider carefully the development by the Consultation on Church Union in 1984 of: a) the principles and the text of an "Act of Covenanting"; b) development by them of enabling acts related to possible representation in "Councils of Oversight" that may be formed at middle judicatory levels of the COCU member churches; and c) encourage responsiveness to liturgical formulations developed by COCU which will be based on theological consensus and the covenanting processes.

4. That United Methodist local churches be encouraged to invite representatives from other denominations to participate in celebrations such as World Communion Sunday, baptism, and confirmation, and in special commemorative occasions in the congregation's life.

5. That local churches be urged to take initiatives in cooperation with congregations of other denominations in issues of racial and social justice, in mission and evangelism, and in occasions of special study and celebration (such as Advent, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost); and that special efforts be made to share persons with special skills, talents and imagination between denominations in order to strengthen the whole body of Christ in its nature and witness.

6. That local churches and Annual Conferences, aided by the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, study the COCU publication of a seven-chapter

consensus on *In Quest of a Church of Christ Uniting* and respond to the General Commission.

Report No. 170

Petitions: AD1293, AD1294, AD1295, AD1297
Subject: NCCC Accountability
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1203, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the issue had been dealt with in previous reports of the committee.

Report No. 171

Petitions: AD1302
Subject: Report of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 51; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1204, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

Committee voted concurrence with the report of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, pages J-32—J-38.

Report No. 172

Petitions: AD1424
Subject: Composition of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1205, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on establishing a committee process for negotiating the uniting of churches.

Report No. 173

Petitions: AD1425
Subject: Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1206, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence—felt the language proposed was inappropriate.

Report No. 174

Petitions: AD1426

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1207, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as issues were covered elsewhere in previous reports of the committee.

Report No. 175

Petitions: AD1428

Subject: Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 56; For 54; Against 1; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1208, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted concurrence with the Resolutions on *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry.*

Whereas, The United Methodist Church celebrates the formulation of the historic theological convergence of the World Council of Churches' document, *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry;*

Whereas, The United Methodist Church thanks God for the privilege of participating over the course of more than five decades in the preparation of this document with Christians throughout the world;

Whereas, The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches "invites all churches to prepare an official response to this text at the highest appropriate level of authority by December 31, 1985"; and

Whereas, The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns of The United Methodist Church is mandated in the 1980 Discipline "to advocate and work toward the reception of the gift of Christian unity in every aspect of the Church's life and to foster approaches to ministry and mission which more fully reflects the oneness of Christ's Church in the human community" (Par. 2002.1);

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That the General Conference of The United Methodist Church urge local churches and other units at every level of the denomination to explore the incorporation of the theological convergence into its worship, educational, ethical, and spiritual life and witness, and

2. That the local and conference responses to *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry* be sent to the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns for transmittal to the Council of Bishops, and

3. That the Council of Bishops be requested "to prepare an official response" to *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry* by November, 1985.

Report No. 176

Petitions: AD1429, AD1430

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 57; For 55; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1209, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

Committee voted nonconcurrence as the amendment is stated at other places in previous reports of the committee.

Report No. 177

Petitions: AD1431

Subject: Responsibility of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 57; For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1210, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee recommends to the General Conference to refer Petition No. 1431 concerning the establishment of concordat relationship to the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

Report No. 178

Petitions: AD1432

Subject: Authority and Power of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1211, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 2004 which is basically editorial, deleting *Authorities* and *Powers* and adding **Authority and Power.**

Report No. 179

Petitions: AD1433

Subject: Organization of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 59; For 53; Against 5; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1212, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 2005. In ¶ 2005 delete present .6 and .7, which read:

6. The commission shall elect a general secretary and other such staff as may be required and for which budget is ensured.

7. Additional staff required and for which budget is ensured shall be nominated by the general secretary for confirmation by the commission.

In their place insert new ¶ 2005.6 which reads:

6. The general commission shall elect annually by ballot, according to approved process, its general secretary and associate general secretary(ies). The election of the general secretary, accompanied by a description of the process of evaluation and election, shall be reported to the General Council on Ministries. The General Council on Ministries shall review the process for evaluation and election of the general secretary and shall respond to the agency. Other staff may be elected or appointed as the general commission shall determine.

Renumber present ¶ 2005.*8* as new ¶ 2005.*7*.

8. **7.** The responsibilities of the general secretary are to be defined by the commission.

(Editor's note: Under Plan of Organization VII, A, (3), (c), the provision for the election of the commission's general secretary is superseded by action in the plenary session providing for that election to be by the General Council on Ministries; see pages 474-475, 1637).

Report No. 180

Petitions: AD1466, AD1465

Subject: Christian World Communions

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 62; For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 1.

Calendar No. 1213, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee agreed to amend ¶ 2401 as follows:

¶ 2401. World Methodist Council.—1. The United Methodist Church is a member of the World Methodist Council, its

predecessor Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches having been *charter* members of such body. The members of the section representing The United Methodist Church shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops, due regard being given to **inclusiveness (in the spirit of ¶ 805)** and geographical representation. **United Methodist** financial support of the World Methodist Council shall be **remitted** *channeled* through the *Central Treasury, and shall be directed by the* **General Council on Finance and Administration** and shall be **in the manner** directed by **the latter Council.** *Council on Finance and Administration.*

Report No. 181

Petitions: AD1501
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference Board of Trustees
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1237, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as it is contrary to the Constitution.

Report No. 182

Petitions: AD1468
Subject: Financial Support to NCCC
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 63; For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1238, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted to amend Par. 2402.3. Delete present ¶ 2402.3 in its entirety, and substitute a new subparagraph as shown below. ¶¶ 2402.1-.2 would remain unchanged.

3. United Methodist support of the National Council of Churches shall be channeled through the Central Treasury, and shall be directed by the General Council on Finance and Administration, which shall give due credit for United Methodist gifts and contributions to this cause and shall include them in the annual financial report to the Church. The sources of income shall include: (a) the National Council of Churches' share of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, as determined by the General Conference, and (b) such payments by the general agencies of the Church as each agency may deem its responsibility and proportionate share in the cooperative program of the council. Personal, group, or local church gifts shall be included

as a part of the ratio distribution of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.

3. **United Methodist financial support of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. shall include: (1) that council's share of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, as determined by the General Conference, and (2) such payments by the general agencies of the church as each agency may deem its responsibility and proportionate share in the cooperative program of the council.**

a) United Methodist support of the basic budget of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. shall be established by the General Conference in the budget of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. Such support shall be remitted through the General Council on Finance and Administration in the manner directed by the latter council.

b) Payments by the general agencies of the Church to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. shall be reported to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

c) The General Council on Finance and Administration shall include a summary report for United Methodist gifts and contributions to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in its annual financial report to the Church.

Report No. 183

Petitions: AD1469

Subject: Selection of Representatives to NCCC

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 63; For 56; Against 4; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1239, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee agreed to amend ¶ 2402.2 as follows:

2. The United Methodist representatives and proxies to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Governing Board shall be selected by the Council of Bishops from nominations reviewed by the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Recommendations of names for consideration may be sent by Annual Conferences to the Jurisdictional Conferences. Each Jurisdictional Conference shall provide to the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns a panel of twelve names with biographical data, **recommending it include racial and ethnic minority persons in so far as possible representing each ethnic minority—Asian American, Black American, Hispanic**

American, and Native American, from which four persons will be chosen by the Council of Bishops as voting delegates. Persons named to the panel shall represent consideration of quotas and balances required both by The United Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches. The Jurisdictional Conference may report order of selection or priority, if it desires. Delegates and proxies are to be selected from the panel in any subsequent replacements during the quadrennium.

Report No. 184

Petitions: AD1471
Subject: Accountability of United Methodist Representatives to NCCC
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 63; For 56; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 1240, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence—issues covered in previous reports.

Report No. 185

Petitions: AD1161
Subject: Re-election of Ewing Werlein
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 52; For 29; Against 19; Not Voting 4.
Calendar No. 1241, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 440.

The committee voted nonconcurrence, re: the re-election of Ewing Werlein.

Whereas, Ewing Werlein was elected to fill a vacancy on the General Board of Publication, occasioned by the resignation of A. Frank Smith;

And Whereas, Mr. Werlein was elected to fill this vacancy on October 30, 1974, but was unable to serve at that time because he was not given prior notice of election;

And Whereas, Mr. Werlein's actual service began with the board at its meeting March 1975;

And Whereas, Mr. Werlein actually served only one year and six months of the unexpired term of A. Frank Smith;

And Whereas, Paragraph 810.3 of the Book of Discipline states, "service of more than one year in fulfilling unexpired or vacated positions shall be considered as a full four-year term";

And Whereas, the General Board of Publication has received outstanding leadership on the part of Ewing Werlein as its chairman for the past four years;

And Whereas, the General Board of Publication feels a need for strong and consistent leadership during a period of transition, having elected a new president and publisher in April 1983;

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Board of Publication unanimously requests the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to set aside the above requirement of Paragraph 810.3 in the case of Ewing Werlein only, and allow for his re-election to serve for the ensuing quadrennium 1984-1988, completing a 12-year term.

Report No. 186

Petitions: AD1018

Subject: Composition of Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1242, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The Committee voted nonconcurrence. Action taken in previous reports.

Report No. 187

Petitions: AD1086

Subject: Survey of Membership on Controversial Issues

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1243, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence due to action taken on issue elsewhere in previous reports.

Report No. 188

Petitions: AD1497, AD1498

Subject: Remove Trust Clause from Titles on Church Property

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1244, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence; contrary to recommendation in Petition AD1496.

Report No. 189

Petitions: AD1026

Subject: Book of Discipline to Contain Only Essential Material

Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 40; For 40; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1245, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence since the Book of Discipline already contains only essential material.

Report No. 190

Petitions: AD1427
Subject: Responsibility of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1246, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee recommends concurrence to amend ¶ 2003:
Amend ¶ 2003.4 as follows:

4. To develop and interpret the primary relationships of The United Methodist Church to ecumenical and interreligious organizations (such as the World Council of Churches, regional councils of churches, the National Council of **the** Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the World Methodist Council, and Consultation on Church Union), to United Churches which include a *former* **church formerly related to The** United Methodist *related* Church **or its predecessors**, *in the U.S.A.*, to churches with which a concordat of exchange of voting delegates has been established by General Conference.

Amend ¶ 2003.7 as follows:

7. To report to General Conference on **developments in** Christian unity and interreligious *developments* **issues** and to make recommendations on any specific proposals for church union.

Add a new ¶ 2003.10 and renumber present .10 and following.

10. To receive reports from the Consultation on Church Union, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the World Methodist Council, and the World Council of Churches on their work, such reports to include relevant financial information.

Renumber present ¶ 2003.*10* as new ¶ 2003.11.
Renumber present ¶ 2003.*11* as new ¶ 2003.12.
Renumber present ¶ 2003.*12* as new ¶ 2003.13.

12. **13.** To provide from **its** own budget where possible supplementary funding for cognate units in ecumenical agencies and ad hoc ecumenical and interreligious enterprises.

Delete present ¶ 2003.13, which reads:

13. To recommend to the General Council on Finance and Administration the total goal and constituent allocations of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund for its review and recommendation for action by General Conference and to recommend to the General Council on Finance and Administration annual adjustment in payments from the fund to specific recipients from the fund.

In its place substitute new ¶ 2003.14 which reads:

14. To recommend to the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration the total goal and constituent allocations of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund for submission to General Conference and to administer all aspects of the fund in accordance with guidelines established in consultation with the General Council on Finance and Administration and with the Council of Bishops. (See ¶ 917.1-5)

Renumber present ¶ 2003.*14* as new ¶ 2003.15.

Renumber present ¶ 2003.15 as new ¶ 2003.16 and amend as follows:

15. **16.** To **enable and** review the ecumenical and interreligious *funding and commitments* **involvements, programming, and funding** of all United Methodist **program** boards and agencies, to report findings and to make recommendations to those boards and agencies and to the General Council on Ministries.

Renumber present ¶ 2003.16 as new ¶ 2003.17 and amend as follows:

16. **17.** To report annually to the Council of Bishops on aspects of Christian *units* **unity** and interreligious developments, issues, and trends.

Renumber present ¶ 2003.*17* as new ¶ 2003.18.

Renumber present ¶ 2003.*18* as new ¶ 2003.19.

Renumber present ¶ 2003.*19* as new ¶ 2003.20 and amend as follows:

19. **20.** To care for other matters as may be deemed necessary by the commission or requested by the General Conference, **or** the Council of Bishops (See ¶ 2407), or the General Council on Ministries.

Report No. 191

Petitions: AD1223

Subject: Responsibility of General Commission on Communication

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 52; For 26; Against 19; Not Voting 3. (Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)
Calendar No. 1247, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 441.

The committee concurred to amend ¶ 1106 as follows:
In ¶ 1106.12 amend one sentence beginning on the 17th line of that section as follows:
. . . . Administration (¶ 910.4). In the interpretation, promotion, and cultivation of these causes, this agency shall consult with **and is encouraged to utilize content material provided by** the **program** agency responsible for **the area and with the agency responsible for the** administration of the funds.

Report No. 192

Petitions: AD1291
Subject: Monitoring of Funds Given to WCC
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 53; For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1248, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the issue was covered in Report No. 191.

Report No. 193

Petitions: AD1457
Subject: Continuation of the General Commission on Status and Role of Women
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1299, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee recommends concurrence with the continuation of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the Church.

Report No. 194

Petitions: AD1023, AD1025, AD1039
Subject: Open Meetings of General Agencies
Date: May 5, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1300, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Cared for in other reports of the committee.

Report No. 195

Petitions: AD1441, AD1082

Subject: Change Name of General Commission on Religion and Race

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1301, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Report No. 196

Petitions: AD1449, AD1450

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Religion and Race

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1302, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Substance is already in Discipline ¶ 2108.

Report No. 197

Petitions: AD1220

Subject: United Methodist Communications

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1303, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted concurrence with the report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, pages J-81—J-87, and with appreciation.

Report No. 198

Petitions: AD1228, AD1221

Subject: Purpose of the Standing General Commission on Communication

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1304, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 1101 as follows:

¶ 1101. Preamble.—As United Methodists, our theological understanding obligates us, as members of the Body of Christ to communicate our faith by speaking and listening to persons both within and outside the Church throughout the world, and to utilize all appropriate means of communication.

The responsibility to communicate is laid upon every church member, every pastor, every congregation, every Annual Conference, every institution, and every agency of the Church. Within this total responsibility, there are certain functions that *The United Methodist Church* **the General Conference** has assigned to the General Commission on Communication, to be performed in behalf of all through the talents and resources at its command.

Report No. 199

Petitions: AD1455, AD1454, AD1453, AD1452

Subject: Abolishing the Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 58; Against 2; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1305, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 7, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to abolish the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the Church.

Report No. 200

Petitions: AD1485

Subject: Amend ¶2406—Religion in American Life and Relocate to ¶1109

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1306, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 2406 by substitution and relocate the revised paragraph as ¶ 1109:

¶ 2406. Religion in American Life, Incorporated, is recognized as an interdenominational and interfaith agency through which The United Methodist Church may work to direct attention to church attendance and loyalty to the Christian faith. In endorsing this program the Council of Bishops shall nominate three members, to be elected by the Religion in American Life Board of Directors. Further, the General Council on Finance and Administration shall recommend to the General Conference for its action and determination the amount to be included as the United Methodist share in this participation.

¶ 1109. Religion in American Life, Incorporated, is recognized as an interdenominational and interfaith agency through which the denomination may work to direct attention to church attendance and religious values. United Methodist Communications shall nominate United Methodist represen-

tatives to be elected to its Board of Directors by Religion in American Life. In consultation with the General Council on Finance and Administration, United Methodist Communications shall determine the amount of the annual contribution to this program in behalf of The United Methodist Church, such funds being made available through the budget of United Methodist Communications.

Report No. 201

Petitions: AD1222
Subject: Responsibilities of Commission on Communication
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1307, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted to amend ¶ 1106.8 as follows:

8. It shall give oversight to a comprehensive *communications* **communication** system for the church, providing a total view of communication structure and practices, **including telecommunications.** It shall create networks of communicators at all levels, including local church, district, conference, and general. These networks may include periodic consultations for such purposes as idea exchange, information sharing, joint planning, and monitoring and evaluating the total **church's** communication *enterprise* **enterprises.** *of The United Methodist Church.* **With respect to the use of computers for communication purposes, the agency shall cooperate with the General Council on Finance and Administration** (see ¶ 907.6).

Report No. 202

Petitions: AD1494
Subject: Sale of Annual Conference Property
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 57; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1308, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee recommends concurrence as follows: Insert new ¶ 2512 to follow present ¶ 2511 (relating to Annual Conference property) as follows:

¶ 2512. No Annual Conference property shall be sold, transferred, leased for a term which exceeds 20 years, or mortgaged without (a) the consent of the presiding bishop and of a majority of the district superintendents; and (b) the bishop's determination that such transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline and to appropriate governmental

requirements. The bishop's written statement evidencing the satisfaction of these conditions shall be affixed to any instrument of transfer or encumbrance. Any required written instrument necessary to carry out the action so authorized shall be executed in the name of the corporation by any two of its officers, or any two officers of its Board of Trustees, and any written instrument so executed shall be binding and effective as the action of the corporation.

And change present ¶ 2512 to ¶ 2513.

Report No. 203

Petitions: AD1495
Subject: Sale of District Property
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 57; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1309, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee recommends concurrence as follows: Insert a new Par. 2519 to follow present Par. 2518 (relating to district property), as follows:

Par. 2519. No district property shall be sold, transferred, leased for a term which exceeds 20 years, or mortgaged without (a) the consent of the presiding district superintendent; and (b) the district superintendent's determination that such transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline and to appropriate governmental requirements. The district superintendent's written statement evidencing the satisfaction of these conditions shall be affixed to any instrument of transfer or encumbrance. Any required written instrument necessary to carry out the action so authorized shall be executed in the name of the corporation by any two of its officers, or any two officers of its Board of Trustees, and any written instrument so executed shall be binding and effective as the action of the corporation.

Report No. 204

Petitions: AD1507
Subject: Title of District Property
Date: May 8, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 57; Against 1; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1310, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee concurred to amend Par. 2513.2 as follows:

2. **The title of district property may be held in trust by a district Board of Trustees. Unless the District Union is**

incorporated in its own name, each district shall have a district Board of Trustees, which shall be incorporated. The board shall consist of not fewer than three nor more than nine members having the same qualifications provided for trustees of local churches (¶ 2519), who shall be nominated by the district superintendent in consultation with the district nominating committee, if one exists, and elected by the District Conference. Where there is no District Conference, they may be elected by the district Board of Stewards or by the Annual Conference on nomination of the district superintendent. They shall be elected for a term of one year and serve until their successors shall have been elected, and shall report annually to the District Conference or Annual Conference. **Title to district property may be held in trust by the district Board of Trustees.** If the title to the district parsonage is not held **in trust** by *a* **the** district Board of Trustees, the same shall be held in trust by the trustees of the Annual Conference of which such district is a part, and such trustees shall report annually to the Annual Conference. Except as the laws of the state, territory, or country prescribe otherwise, district property held in trust by a district Board of Trustees may be mortgaged or sold and conveyed by them only by authority of the District Conference or Annual Conference, or if such property is held in trust by the trustees of the Annual Conference, it may be mortgaged or sold and conveyed by such trustees only by authority of the Annual Conference. The purchase price and maintenance cost of a district parsonage **shall** *may* be equitably distributed among the charges of the district by the district Board of Stewards. **Where there is an incorporated District Union (Par. 734.4), the Board of Directors of the District Union shall have the same duties and responsibilities with respect to district property as are described here for the District Board of Trustees.**

Report No. 205

Petitions: AD1461

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1311, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as the issue is addressed in a previous report.

Report No. 206

Petitions: AD1548, AD1525

Subject: Trial Procedures

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 49; Against 8; Not Voting 1.

(Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)

Calendar No. 1312, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 475.

The committee concurs to amend Discipline ¶¶ 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, and 2625 as follows:

Amend ¶ 2620 by deleting the second sentence and adding new sentences as shown in bold-face type below:

¶ 2620. Preliminary Assumptions.—The following procedures are presented as much for the protection of the rights of individuals guaranteed under Section III, Article IV, of our Constitution as they are for the protection of the Church. *The innocence of the accused is assumed unless and until the facts of the case prove otherwise.* **The presumption of innocence, including no carrying out of sentence, shall be maintained until the conclusion of the judicial process. At each step in the proceedings listed in ¶¶ 2621 through 2624, efforts for reconciliation shall continue, so long as these efforts are not used to hinder due process.**

Add a new ¶ 2621.2 as follows, and renumber present .2 as .3:

2. A bishop, ministerial member of an annual conference, or diaconal minister may also choose a trial when the appropriate body recommends involuntary termination or administrative location on the grounds of incompetence or ineffectiveness.

Amend ¶ 2623.1 as indicated below:

¶ 2623. Investigation Procedures.—1. General.—*a)* All accusations shall be submitted in writing and signed by the accuser, **and a copy sent to the accused.**

b) No charge shall be considered for any alleged offense which shall not have been committed within two years immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. **The introduction of any material relating to events happening before the two year time period as evidence, as preface to evidence, or as build up for evidence by anyone making or transmitting accusations in the procedures of the Committee on Investigation or the trial proceedings shall be permitted only when the presiding officer, after consultation with counsel for both parties, rules that such material is relevant and competent.**

¶ 2623.1c remains the same. Add a new ¶ 2623.1d as follows:

d) The Committee on Investigation may call such persons as

it deems necessary to establish whether or not there are reasonable grounds for the accusation or accusations.

Present ¶ 2623.1d) becomes ¶ 2623.1e), amended as follows:

e) The parties may be represented by counsel at an investigation. **Basic procedural decisions shall be made in a preliminary meeting with the accused and his/her counsel having the right to argue procedural points before the decision is made by the chair. All advance procedural decisions and such unanticipated decisions as may come in the course of the meeting of the Committee on Investigation shall be rendered in writing so as to be available for consideration in all further possible stages of the case.**

Renumber ¶ 2623.1e), f) as f), g).

(Editor's note: Report No. 94 further amends ¶ 2623.1f); see page 1620).

Revise ¶ 2623.3 by adding and deleting the following words:

3. Investigation of a Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference **or a** Local Pastor., *or Diaconal Minister.*—a) There shall be a Committee on Investigation consisting of seven elders in full connection nominated by the presiding bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. Three reserve members shall also be elected.

(Editor's note: ¶ 2623.3a) was further amended by action on Report No. 78; see above, page 1616).

b) If a ministerial member of an Annual Conference, **or a** local pastor, *or diaconal minister* shall be accused in writing of any of the offenses in ¶ 2621, the accused person's district superintendent shall within sixty days of receiving such accusation convene the Committee on Investigation. (If the accused is a district superintendent, the bishop shall appoint another district superintendent as convener.) **The convenor shall deliver the written accusation to the committee and leave without comment. The convenor may be called back to the committee to give testimony in the presence of the accused.**

¶ 2623.3c) and d) remain unchanged.

e) If five or more of the Committee on Investigation so recommend, the bishop may suspend the accused from all ministerial responsibilities pending trial. **The accused retains all rights and privileges as stated in ¶ 438.3.**

(Editor's note: Report No. 77 further amends ¶ 2623; see pages 1614-1616).

Amend ¶ 2624.1a, .1b, .1c as follows:

¶ 2624. Trial Procedures.—1. General.—a) Church trials are to be regarded as an expedient of last resort. Only after every

reasonable effort has been made to correct any wrong and adjust any existing difficulty should steps be taken to institute a trial. No such trial as herein provided shall be construed to deprive the accused **or the church** of legal civil rights. All trials shall be conducted **according to the Book of Discipline** in a consistent Christian manner by a properly constituted court, after due investigation. The administration of oaths shall not be required. **At the beginning of the trial the presiding officer shall remind all parties of the duties and responsibilities of church membership (¶ 213) and/or the ministerial covenant (¶ 404.5e and ¶ 422).**

b) Officers of the Trial Court.—Officers shall consist of a presiding officer (¶¶ 2624.2, .3, .4) **who shall be another bishop designated by the resident bishop,** and a secretary appointed by the presiding officer. **The presiding officer may have the Conference Chancellor or other counsel present for the sole purpose of advice to the presiding officer during the trial.**

c) Convening of the Court.—The official charged with convening the court (see ¶¶ 2624.2a, .3a, and .4a) shall, within twenty days after receiving a copy of the charges and specifications, appoint counsel for the Church and notify the accused in writing to appear at a fixed time and place no less than ten days after service of such notice and within a reasonable time thereafter to select the members of the Trial Court. **No person shall be appointed counsel for the Church or serve as clergy counsel for the accused or any of the accusers in a case, who was a member of the Joint Review Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry or Committee on Investigation who earlier considered the case now before the Trial Court.**

At the appointed time in the presence of the accused, counsel for the accused, counsel for the Church and the presiding officer, thirteen persons shall be selected as a Trial Court out of a pool of twenty-one persons selected according to ¶¶ 2624.2c, 2624.3c, and 2624.4c. **No person shall serve as a member of the Trial Court who was a member of the Joint Review Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry, or Committee on Investigation who considered the case in the process of coming before the Trial Court.** The counsel for the Church and the accused shall each have up to four peremptory challenges and challenges for cause without limit. If by reason of challenges for cause being sustained the number is reduced to below thirteen, additional appropriate persons shall be nominated, in like manner as was the original panel to take the places of the numbers challenged, who likewise shall be subject to challenge for cause. This method of procedure shall be followed until a Trial Court of thirteen

members **and two reserve members** has been selected. **The two reserve members shall sit as observers of the trial and shall be seated as members of the Trial Court, in the event one of the thirteen is not able to continue.**

At the end of ¶ 2624.1d) add the following: **The accused may request a change of venue. This shall be a written request to the officers of the court, within ten days of receipt of notice to appear for trial. The presiding officer shall rule upon the request after hearing arguments by the defense and the Church. If the motion is approved, the presiding officer shall name the Annual Conference outside the episcopal area wherein the trial shall be held and shall notify the resident bishop of that conference who shall convene the court. The cost of prosecution shall be borne by the conference where the case originated.**

Amend ¶ 2624.1f as follows:

f) Counsel.—In all cases an accused person shall be entitled to appear **and to select** and be represented by counsel, a ministerial member of The United Methodist Church if the accused is a bishop, a ministerial member, a local pastor, or a diaconal minister, and a lay member of the said Church if the accused is a lay member. An accused person shall be entitled to have counsel heard in oral or written argument or both. The interest of the Church shall be represented by a ministerial member selected by the bishop. In all cases of trial where counsel has not been provided, such counsel shall be appointed by the presiding officer. The counsel for the Church and for the accused each shall be entitled to choose one assistant counsel who may be an attorney **who shall not have voice in the trial and whose sole responsibility is to advise upon request.**

In ¶ 2624.1g), add to current wording in Discipline: **Refusal to appear or to answer questions ruled by the presiding officer to be relevant may be considered as disobedience to the Order and Discipline of The United Methodist Church.**

Amend ¶ 2624.1h) as follows:

h) Power of the Trial Court.—The court thus constituted shall have full power **as a first action** to try the accused and **as a second action** upon conviction by a vote of nine or more thereof shall have power to suspend the accused from the exercise of the functions of office, to remove the accused from office or the ministry or both, to expel the accused from the Church, or in case of conviction of minor offenses to fix a lesser penalty. **The Trial Court shall present to the court a decision on each charge but**

not on each individual specification under each charge. Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the Court of Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference or the Central Conference, as the case may be, **and shall not take effect until the judicial process is ended, including all appeals. The penalty fixed by the trial court is subject to ratification, but not amendment, in the ministerial executive session of the Annual Conference to the extent that the penalty changes the ministerial relationship of the minister. Counsel for the church will make the required motions to the ministerial executive session.**

Add new 2624.1i) as follows:

i) If the accused is found guilty by the Trial Court and appeals his/her case, the sentence imposed by the Trial Court shall not take effect until his/her guilt is sustained at the end of the judicial process, when the disciplinary appeals process has been exhausted. The resident bishop may, with the unanimous concurrence of the district superintendents, suspend the accused from all ministerial responsibilities but not the related benefits such as annuity and conference group medical and hospital insurance pending the outcome of the appeals process. If the accused should be found innocent at the end of the judicial process, he/she shall be financially recompensed by his/her Annual Conference for the time lost under said suspension. Equitable recompense shall be determined by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, taking into account service years, the loss of income during suspension and loss of parsonage use, if any. In no case shall the recompense be less than the minimum salary. Time on a suspension imposed by the resident bishop shall be applied to lessen the time of suspension fixed by the Trial Court and sustained or modified by the appeals process.

Renumber ¶ 2624.1i) as j), and amend it as follows:

In old ¶ 2624.1i)(1), insert the following immediately before the last sentence: **During the time of recess or adjournment the members of the Trial Court shall be instructed that under no circumstance will they speak to others about the trial or observe media reports regarding the case. When, in consultation with counsel for both parties, the presiding officer finds it advisable, the members and reserves shall be sequestered. Threatening or tampering with the Trial Court or officers of the Trial Court shall be considered disobedience to the Order and Discipline of The United Methodist Church.** The accused shall, at all times . . .

In the third sentence of ¶ 2624.1i)(5), after "presiding officer," insert the following: . . . presiding officer **shall include the right**

to set reasonable time limits, after consultation with counsel for the Church and counsel for the accused, for the presentation of the case, provided such time is equal for both. The authority of the presiding officer shall be limited to ruling . . .

In old ¶ 2624.1i)(5), the third sentence, following the words "sessions of the trial," insert:

. . . , charging the members of the Trial Court as to the Church law involved in the case at the beginning of the trial and just before they retire to make up their verdict, . . .

Amend old ¶ 2624.1i(8) as follows:

(8) The presiding officer shall not deliver a charge reviewing or explaining the evidence or setting forth the merits of the case. The presiding officer shall express no opinion on the law or the facts while the court is deliberating, unless **at the request of the jury and with the consent of both the counsels, the presiding officer may offer interpretation of the provisions of the Book of Discipline,** the parties in interest being present. The presiding officer shall remain and preside until the decision is rendered and the findings are completed and shall thereupon sign and certify them.

Add new ¶ 2624.1i)(12) as follows:

(12) All sessions of the trial shall be closed. However, upon written request of the accused to the presiding officer, the trial shall be open to any member of The United Methodist Church. This does not include, however, the deliberations of the trial court, which shall be closed. In addition, the presiding officer may, in his/her judgment on motion of counsel for either party or on the presiding officer's own motion, declare a particular session of the court to be closed. At all times, however, in the hearing portion of the trial, the presiding officer, the members of the Trial Court, the person representing the church as well as counsel for the Church, the accused, and counsel for the accused shall have a right to be present.

Delete and substitute ¶ 2624.2f):

f) A bishop suspended or removed from office shall have no claim upon the Episcopal Fund for salary, dwelling, or any other expenses from the date of such suspension or removal, but in case this bishop is thereafter found not guilty of the charge or charges for which suspended or removed, the bishop's claim upon the Episcopal Fund for the period during which deprived of the function of office shall be paid.

f) A bishop suspended from office shall have claim on the Episcopal Fund for salary, dwelling, pension, and other related benefits. A bishop removed from office shall have no claim upon the Episcopal Fund for salary, dwelling, pension, and other related benefits from the date of such removal.

Delete and substitute ¶ 2624.3b):

b) The bishop may preside or may designate another bishop, a district superintendent, or elder in full connection to be presiding officer.

b) The bishop shall designate another bishop, a district superintendent, or other elder to be presiding officer.

Amend ¶ 2624.3d):

d) Counsel for the Church shall be an elder in full connection as provided in ¶ 2624.1c).

Amend ¶ 2624.3e) as follows:

e) The Trial Court shall, at the conclusion of the proceedings, send all trial documents to the secretary of the Annual Conference who shall keep them in custody. Such documents are to be held in a confidential file and shall not be released for other than appeal or new trial purposes without a signed release from both the accused minister and the presiding officer of the Trial Court which tried the case. If an appeal is taken, the secretary shall forward the materials forthwith to the president of the Court of Appeals of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference. If a president has not been elected, the secretary shall send the materials to such members of the Court of Appeals as the president of the College of Bishops shall designate. After the appeal has been heard, the records shall be returned to the secretary of the Annual Conference, unless a further appeal on a question of law has been made to the Judicial Council, in which case the relevant documents shall be forwarded to the president of that body.

Add a new ¶ 2624.4e) after 2624.4d): The accused may request a change of venue. This shall be a written request to the officers of the court, within ten days of receipt of notice to appear for trial. The presiding officer shall rule upon the request after hearing argument for the defense and the Church. If the motion is approved, the presiding officer shall name another district wherein the trial shall be held and shall notify the district superintendent who shall convene the court. The twenty-one member pool shall consist of lay members in good standing from that district. The cost of prosecution shall be borne by the Annual Conference.

Reletter ¶ 2624.4e) as new ¶ 2624.4f).

Delete ¶ 2625.1a): *In no case shall an appeal operate as suspension of sentence. The findings of the Committee on Investigation or the Trial Court must stand until they are modified or reversed by the proper appellate court.*

Reletter ¶ 2625.1h), i), and j) as g), h), and i), and amend as follows:

g) The appellate court shall determine two questions only: (1) Does the weight of the evidence sustain the charge or charges? (2) Were there such errors of law as to vitiate the verdict **and/or the penalty?** These questions shall be determined by the records of the trial and the argument of counsel for the Church and for the accused. The court shall in no case hear witnesses.

h) In all cases where an appeal is made and admitted by the appellate court, after the charges, findings, and evidence have been read and the arguments conclude, the parties shall withdraw, and the appellate court shall consider and decide the case. It may reverse, in whole or in part, the findings of the Committee on Investigation or the Trial Court, or it may remand the case for a new trial **to determine verdict and/or penalty.** It may determine what penalty, not higher than that affixed at the hearing or trial, may be imposed. If it neither reverses, in whole or in part, the judgment of the Trial Court, nor remands the case for a new trial, nor modifies the penalty, that judgment shall stand. The appellate court shall not reverse the judgment nor remand the case for a new hearing or trial on account of errors plainly not affecting the result. All decisions of the appellate court shall require a majority vote.

i) In all cases the right to present evidence shall be exhausted when the case has been heard once on its merits in the proper court, but questions of law may be carried on appeal, step by step, to the Judicial Council, **according to the provisions of the Book of Discipline.**

Amend ¶ 2625.3 as follows:

3. Appeal of a Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference, Local Pastor, or Diaconal Minister.—a) Each Jurisdictional and Central Conference, upon nomination of the College of Bishops, shall elect a Court of Appeals, composed of nine itinerant elders, who have been at least six years successively members of The United Methodist Church, and an equal number of alternates. In addition, two local pastors and two alternates shall be elected in the same manner, to serve as members of the Court of Appeals in the event, and only in the event, that the appellant is a local

pastor. In addition, the Court of Appeals shall have two diaconal ministers and two reserves elected in the same manner who will serve in the event, and only in the event, that the appellant is a diaconal minister. This court shall serve until its successors have been confirmed. This court shall have full power to hear and determine appeals of ministerial members taken from any Annual Conference within the jurisdiction. The court shall elect its own president and secretary and shall adopt its own rules of procedure, and its decisions shall be final, except that an appeal may be taken to the Judicial Council **only** upon questions of law **related to procedures of the Jurisdictional Court of Appeals, or under the provisions of ¶ 2614.**

b) In case of conviction in a Trial Court a ministerial member, local pastor, or diaconal minister shall have the right of appeal to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference Court of Appeals above constituted; provided that within thirty days after the conviction the appellant shall notify the president of the conference and the *president* **presiding officer** of the Trial Court in writing of the intention to appeal.

c) When notice of an appeal has been given to the president of the Trial Court, the president shall give notice of the same to the secretary of the Court of Appeals of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference and submit the documents in the case, or in case the documents have been sent to the secretary of the Annual Conference, instruct the secretary to send the documents to the president of the Court of Appeals. The Jurisdictional or Central Conference Court of Appeals shall give notice to the president of the conference from which the appeal is taken and to the appellant of the time and place where the appeal will be heard. Both the Annual Conference and the appellant may be represented by counsel **as specified in ¶ 2624.1f.** The president of the conference shall appoint counsel for the Church.

d) All necessary traveling and sustenance expense incurred by the Court of Appeals, the counsel for the Church, and the counsel for the defendant, in the hearing of an appeal case coming from an Annual Conference and appearing before any Jurisdictional or Central Conference Court of Appeals, shall be paid out of the administration fund of the Central or Jurisdictional Conference in which the proceedings arise. **The president of the Court of Appeals shall approve all expenses.**

Report No. 207

Petitions: AD1224

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Communication

Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 56; For 49; Against 5; Not Voting 2.
Calendar No. 1313, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 480.
The committee voted nonconcurrence as it is similar to a previous petition.

Report No. 208

Petitions: AD1226
Subject: Responsibilities of UMCOM
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 3.
Calendar No. 1314, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.
The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 209

Petitions: AD-CM1168
Subject: Policy on Copying Printed Materials
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 54; For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1315, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.
The committee voted concurrence to ask general agencies to place copyright statements on their resources.

Report No. 210

Petitions: AD1162
Subject: Resolution on Accountability and Communication
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 56; For 54; Against 2; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1316, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.
The committee voted nonconcurrence as the petition was unclear.

Report No. 211

Petitions: AD1081
Subject: Standing Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 48; Against 12; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1317, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 481.
The committee voted to recommend to the General Conference that the General Board of Church and Society study the issue of establishing a General Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Report No. 212

Petitions: AD1078, AD1079, AD1080, AD1083, AD1084
Subject: Standing Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1318, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to establishing a Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drug Concerns. Issue addressed in Report No. 211.

Report No. 213

Petitions: AD-LC1030
Subject: Improved Use of Radio in Extension of Worship Service
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1319, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Concerns already cared for in other legislation already voted in plenary session of the General Conference.

Report No. 214

Petitions: AD1041
Subject: Policies For Publications and Agencies
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1320, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence feeling the rhetoric and logic not helpful.

Report No. 215

Petitions: AD1456
Subject: Report of General Commission on the Status and Role of Women
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1321, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted concurrence on the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the Church report printed on pages J-60—J-79 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, with commendation.

Report No. 216

Petitions: AD1436
Subject: Affirm Implication of Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 1.
Calendar No. 1322, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee concurred with the resolution on Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court as follows:

Whereas, May 17, 1984, will be the Thirtieth Anniversary of the historic Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision that declared public school segregation illegal,

Be It Resolved, that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church express its appreciation for this important decision that set in motion the machinery for desegregation within society and the church, and

Further Resolve that all United Methodists study and affirm the implications of this historic decision.

Report No. 217

Petitions: AD-CM1205
Subject: Task Force on Church and Television
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 58; For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1323, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence; already cared for in a previous report.

Report No. 218

Petitions: AD1215
Subject: Acknowledging Diversity in the Book of Resolutions
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 56; For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1324, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence as it is already understood as in operation.

Report No. 219

Petitions: AD1440
Subject: Call For a Study on the Open Itineracy Principle
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 59; For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1325, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted to recommend to the General Conference that a study on the open itineracy principle be referred for study by the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Report No. 220

Petitions: AD1024

Subject: Open Meetings

Date: May 8, 1984

Membership 77; Present 58; For 57; Against 1; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1326, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee concurred with the addition of a new paragraph after the present ¶ 819 as follows:

In the spirit of openness and accountability, all meetings of councils, boards, agencies, commissions, and committees of the church, including subunit meetings and teleconferences, shall be open to news media, both church and public. Portions of a particular meeting may be closed for consideration of certain specific subjects if such a session is authorized by at least a three-quarters majority vote of duly selected members present when the vote is taken in public session and entered in the minutes. Documents distributed in open meetings shall be considered public.

Subjects which may be considered in closed session are limited to considerations of sale or purchase of real property, personnel matters, discussions relating to civil litigation or collective bargaining, deployment of security personnel or devices, negotiations involving confidential third party information and deliberations of the Judicial Council. A report on the results of a closed session is to be made immediately upon its conclusion, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Report No. 221

Petitions: AD-LC-AD1014

Subject: Composition of Conference Committee on Religion and Race

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 48; Against 9; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1327, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Material already addressed in other reports of the committee.

Report No. 222

Petitions: AD-CM1090

Subject: Minority Participation in the Telecommunication Ministry

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 3. (Vote printed as reported by the committee.—Editor)

Calendar No. 1328, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 504.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Material already addressed in other reports of the committee.

Report No. 223

Petitions: AD-CM1184

Subject: Release Date for Audiovisuals Interpreting General Conference

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 48; Against 9; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1329, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 505.

The committee concurred that General Conference establish October 1 as the target release date for audiovisuals which are developed to explain and amplify actions of General Conference so that materials may be properly before the people of the local church level for planning and implementation in the local church.

Report No. 224

Petitions: AD-FA1137

Subject: Funding to Resource Ministries of Local Church

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 48; Against 9; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1330, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 505.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 225

Petitions: AD1035

Subject: Guidelines for Voting on Corporate Resolutions

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 48; Against 9; Not Voting 3.

Calendar No. 1331, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 505.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Material already addressed in other reports.

Report No. 226

Petitions: AD1221
Subject: Membership of the Standing General Commission on Communication
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1332, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted to amend ¶ 1107.1, lines 9 through 12 as follows:

It is recommended that each of the following groups be represented in the commission: Asian Americans, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, clergywomen, youth, young adults, and **persons over sixty-five.**

Report No. 227

Petitions: AD1444
Subject: National Convocation of Asian Americans
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1333, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

Committee voted nonconcurrence in view of previous action.

Report No. 228

Petitions: AD1016
Subject: Responsibility of Commission on Religion and Race
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1334, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 229

Petitions: AD1473, AD1474, AD1478, AD1480, AD1467
Subject: Miscellaneous Petitions - WMC, WCC
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1335, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee votes nonconcurrence on the above petitions.

Report No. 230

Petitions: AD1483, AD1484, AD1486
Subject: Miscellaneous Provisions, Interdenominational Agencies

Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1336, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee recommends concurrence on the revisions for ¶¶ 2404, 2405, 2407 as follows:

Renumber old ¶ 2404 as new ¶ 2402 and amend as follows:

¶ *2404.* **2402. Councils and Consultations of Churches.—1. The Consultation on Church Union.**

a) The United Methodist Church is a member of the Consultation on Church Union, its predecessor Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches having been involved in its very beginnings and in all its committees and plenary consultations. It has borne its appropriate share of financial support, and through the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund is authorized and directed to continue its support (see ¶ 917).

b) United Methodist financial support of the Consultation on Church Union shall be remitted through the General Council on Finance and Administration in accordance with ¶ 917.

Renumber present ¶ 2405 as ¶ 2403 and amend as follows:

¶ *2405.* **2403. The American Bible Society.**—To encourage the wider circulation **and use** of the Holy Scriptures throughout the world and to provide for the translation, printing, and distribution essential thereto, the American Bible Society shall be recognized **as a means of mission outreach for** The United Methodist Church, *and the General Council on Finance and Administration shall make appropriate provisions for participating in its support* **for which appropriate entities of The United Methodist Church shall offer means for seeking the financial support needed for this program.**

Renumber old ¶ 2407 as new ¶ 2404 and amend as follows:

¶ *2407.* **2404. Liaison Role of the Council of Bishops.—1.** In formal relations with other churches and/or ecclesial bodies, the Council of Bishops shall be the primary liaison for The United Methodist Church. The secretary of the Council of Bishops shall be responsible for these relationships and shall work in cooperation with the Standing General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns in the fulfillment of these functions.

2. The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns shall consult with the Council of Bishops in establishing the guidelines for the administration

of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund (see ¶ 917 and ¶ 2003.13).

Report No. 231

Petitions: AD1445

Subject: Purpose of Standing General Commission on Religion and Race

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1337, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 2102 as follows:

¶ 2102. Purpose.—The primary purpose of the Standing General Commission on Religion and Race shall be to challenge *The United Methodist Church, including its general agencies, its institutions and its connectional structures,* **the general agencies, institutions, and connectional structures of The United Methodist Church,** to a full and equal participation of the racial and ethnic minority constituency in the total life and mission of the Church through advocacy and by reviewing and monitoring the practices of the entire church so as to further ensure racial inclusiveness.

Report No. 232

Petitions: AD1446

Subject: Membership of Standing Commission on Religion and Race

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1338, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted to concur to amend Par. 2103 by substituting the following sentence for the second sentence: **It is recommended that at least four of the six persons elected by each Jurisdictional Conference be from ethnic minority groups (Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American and Native American). At least two of the six should be women, and at least one under the age of thirty.**

Report No. 233

Petitions: AD1447

Subject: Election of Standing General Commission on Religion and Race General Secretary

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1339, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted to amend ¶ 2106 as follows:

¶ 2106. Staff.—The Standing General Commission on Religion and Race shall *nominate* **elect** *a* **its** general secretary *for election by the General Council on Ministries* **annually by ballot.** The commission shall select by whatever process it chooses the additional staff needed to assist the general secretary in carrying out the commission's responsibilities.

(Editor's note: Under Plan of Organization VII, A, (3), (c), the provision in this report for election of the Commission's General Secretary is superseded by action in the plenary session providing for that election to be by the General Council on Ministries; see pages 474-475.)

Report No. 234

Petitions: AD1015

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Commission on Religion and Race

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1340, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted concurrence to amend ¶ 729.3 as follows:

Amend ¶ 729.3—with new "f" and re-letter "g" through "n".

¶ 729.3f) Serve as a resource and support group to promote understanding between pastors appointed to local congregations across racial and ethnic lines, and such congregations.

Report No. 235

Petitions: AD1443

Subject: Report of General Commission on Religion and Race

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.

Calendar No. 1341, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted concurrence, with appreciation, with the report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition, pages J-39—J-59.

Report No. 236

Petitions: AD1458

Subject: Responsibility of Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1342, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 237

Petitions: AD1442
Subject: Composition and Funding of Ethnic Minority Task Forces
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1343, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 438.

The committee voted referral to the General Commission on Religion and Race.

Report No. 238

Petitions: AD1451
Subject: Self-determination Fund
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 48; For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1344, Adopted May 11, 1984, Journal Page 438.

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Report No. 239

Petitions: AD1030, AD1308–1309, AD1520, AD1532, AD1539, AD1541–1547, AD1549–1560, AD1562–1568
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 60; For 59; Against 1; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1345, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted nonconcurrence. This material is addressed in Report No. 206.

Report No. 240

Petitions: AD1227
Subject: Membership—Commission on Communication
Date: May 9, 1984
Membership 77; Present 55; For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0.
Calendar No. 1346, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 6, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 426, 505.

The committee voted concurrence with petition and language therein to amend ¶ 1107 as follows:

1. Membership—The affairs of the Standing General Commission on Communication shall be governed by *thirty-eight persons selected as follows:* **a commission composed of:** three bishops

selected by the Council of Bishops, four persons (two men and two women including at least one clergy, one laywoman, and one layman) elected by each Jurisdictional Conference, *and* fifteen additional members elected by the commission to ensure membership of persons with expertise in the field of communication, **and two members of the General Council on Finance and Administration and two members of the General Council on Ministries, selected by the respective councils.** It is recommended that each of the following groups be represented in the commission: Asian Americans, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, clergywomen, youth, and young adults. The additional members shall be nominated by a committee composed of one commission member designated from each jurisdiction and one of the member bishops. **Members from the two general councils shall be assigned to the committee or division dealing with program and benevolence interpretation.**

Report No. 241

Petitions: AD1463

Subject: Election of Staff, Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Date: May 9, 1984

Membership 77; Present 60; For 54; Against 4; Not Voting 2.

Calendar No. 1347, Adopted on Consent Calendar No. 8, May 11, 1984, Journal Pages 461, 505.

The committee votes concurrence with ¶ 2208 as follows:

¶ 2208. Staff.—The standing general commission shall *nominate for election by the General Council on Ministries* **elect a** general secretariat or general secretary who shall provide executive, administrative, and program staff leadership (¶ 813). The **general** commission shall elect such other staff members as needs require within the General Conference mandates and the authority vested in the **general** commission to develop policies and programs directed toward the realization of its purpose.

¶ 2208 would then read as follows:

¶ 2208. Staff.—The standing general commission shall elect a general secretariat or general secretary who shall provide executive, administrative, and program staff leadership (¶ 813). The general commission shall elect such other staff members as needs require within the General Conference mandates and the authority vested in the general commission to develop policies and programs directed toward the realization of its purpose.

(Editor's note: Under Plan of Organization VII, A, (3), (c), the provision in this report for election of the Commission's general

secretary or secretariat is superseded by action in the plenary session providing for that election to be by the General Council on Ministries; see pages 474-475.)

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